

(Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 24—Cotton futures opened steady, January 18.65; March 18.93; May 18.68; July 18.35; October 17.95.

ALBANY-DECATUR DAILY

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS AND UPBUILDING OF ALBANY-DECATUR, ALABAMA

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24—Alabama: Fair and warmer tonight, Friday increasing cloudiness and warmer.

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'MERRY CHRISTMAS' -- FROM THE DAILY

HEARING JANUARY 6
ON PLAN TO CHANGE
THE COTTON RATES

Alabama Citizens Are
Invited To Attend
Conference

GREAT UPHEAVAL
IS FORESEEN

Case Now Is Pending
Before Federal
Commission

A case is pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission involving practically all of the interstate rate on cotton, and the concentration and transit rules and regulations on this commodity, in the southeast, says a statement from the Alabama Public Service Commission.

The Commission, in pursuance of the federal law, was asked to co-operate in the investigation and it designated its chief examiner to sit with the examiner of the Interstate Commerce Commission during the hearing in the case. Proposals have been made looking to a general reorganization of the cotton rate structure of this territory. One of these proposals was submitted at the last hearing in the case at Jacksonville, Florida, by the railroads.

It has been represented to the Commission that if either one of the proposals that have made in this case were adopted, and especially the one attached hereto, a great upheaval will take place in the conditions surrounding the marketing of cotton in this territory.

It is the policy of this Commission to keep in touch with the trend of rate readjustments on interstate traffic in the interest of the public which it serves, and in view of the apparent great importance of the proposed readjustments in the cotton rates, rules and regulations, the Alabama Commission has decided to suggest a conference of those interested at its offices in Montgomery, Alabama, on January 6th, 1926, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of permitting a full and free discussion of the effect of these proposals and of giving those interested an opportunity by appropriate action to express their views before the Interstate Commerce Commission. Another hearing will be held by the Interstate Commerce Commission in the case some time probably in January, and unless this opportunity is taken advantage of the door will no doubt be closed.

"If you are interested, the Commission would appreciate notice of your prospective attendance at this conference," the statement concludes.

The following is an outline of plan proposed by southeastern and Carolina lines for readjustment of rates on cotton, and the compression thereof.

1.—The mileage scale of rates prescribed by the Georgia and Alabama Public Service Commissions (which do not include anything for compression) and generally now known as the South eastern Cotton Scales, are adopted as basic scales for application on "cotton, in bales, any quality." This does not necessarily mean that all rates will be made exactly on the mileage scales for the short lines distances. For example, it is proposed to maintain group adjustments to Carolina mill points. It is also proposed to maintain a parity of rates as between Mobile and Pensacola from L. & N. R. R. Stations Montgomery, Alabama, and north. No charge has been proposed in the rates on cotton from Mississippi Valley territory to Carolina mill points, which are now grouped both as to origins and destinations.

2.—Concentration of cotton will be permitted at nearest concentration point with subsequent reshipment to final destination, subject to minimum of 50 bales per car, protecting through rates applying on cotton, in bales, any quantity, from point of origin to final destination. No charge will be made for this transit concentration.

3.—Where cotton is shipped from
(Continued on page two)

The Old Old Wish--
"A Merry, Merry Christmas"

TOMORROW will be Christmas Day, the anniversary of the birth of the Savior, and we reverently bow our heads in acknowledgement of Him who came that all might live.

This is the season when hearts overflow and eyes grow moist with tenderness. The season when the world is at peace and all men are filled with the spirit of gentleness and kindness.

This is the season when the business of life resolves itself into the making of others happy, with look, word, and deed. When the children, God bless them, sleep with one eye open to catch Santa Claus, and though on tomorrow morning, millions will try, the good old saint will prove very wary and will have deposited the contents of his big sack in the stockings hung over the fireplace and be well on his way to the North Pole to begin preparations for the gladdening of hearts on the future Christmas days.

This is the season in which the older ones live for the younger that they, too, in the days to come, may have the tender memories that cluster about the Yuletide of years ago, when old father and mother so carefully planned for their happiness.

The pictures in our minds and hearts this Christmas Eve will be cherished so long as life lasts and will live 'til the end of time—pictures of all that is good.

May each and every one of you, all friends, enjoy the Christmas of 1913 to its fullest.

(From The Daily of Twelve Years Ago).

2 DEAD, 2 MISSING
IN HEAD-ON WRECK

John W. Weeks Among
Those Injured In
Carolina Crash

(Associated Press)

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 24.—Two persons are known to be dead and two missing and several injured among them John W. Weeks, former secretary of war, as a result of a head-on collision of two crack Atlantic Coast Line specials early today at Gaillard's cut, just south of Monk's Corner.

A relief train, with doctors and nurses, accompanied by a wrecking train, have been dispatched to the scene of the accident. The engineer of one, Herbert G. Parish, of Florence, was killed and the engineer of the other, J. D. Cummings, of Savannah, is missing, and his body is believed buried in the wreckage.

The fireman on train number 76, northbound, a man named Williams also is missing. C. Baxter, of Florence, fireman on the southbound train, was found dead.

The locomotive, a pullman and club car of number 766, northbound, were derailed. The baggage car and locomotive of number 85, southbound were derailed.

It was stated that due to the blocking of the northbound track by a freight train, derailed last night the two trains were running on the southbound track at the time of the accident.

Governor Blaine
Protests Taylor

(Associated Press)

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 24.—Governor John G. Blaine has sent a telegram to President Coolidge suggesting that the name of Richard Taylor and Thomas F. Woodlock be withdrawn as nominees for the interstate commerce commission.

The telegram, made public by the Governor, says:

"The antecedents of these men do not qualify them for the commission and their nomination and confirmation would create widespread distrust of the commission."

PAYROLL TAKEN BY
SIX ARMED BANDITS

Guard Shot When Men
Open Fire On Trio
On Pay Car

(Associated Press)

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—The Christmas payroll of the Pittsburgh Terminal coal company, \$47,900, was taken from the pay car by six armed men at Mollenhauer a mining settlement, near Pittsburgh today.

They escaped in an automobile. The bandits shot I. L. Gump, a guard, in the abdomen. His condition is critical. Leroy Hutten, paymaster for the company, and Gump and another guard had just alighted from a special Pittsburgh and West Virginia railroad pay car to go to mine number three, nearby, when the men drove up. The bandits opened fire immediately. The first volley brought down Gump. Hutten drew a pistol but was forced to drop it. One of the robbers jumped from the machine, took the bag containing the payroll and then returned to the car.

As the robbers drove away, toward Liberty, another mining settlement, they fired a parting volley of shots at Hutten and the guard.

City police and county detectives and deputy sheriffs were sent out to guard all roads in the regions in an effort to find the bandits.

Jackson Seriously
Ill From Injuries

J. M. Jackson, well known Morgan County resident, is seriously ill at his home near Somerville as a result of injuries received sometime ago according to word received here today. It was said Mr. Jackson recently was hurt in an automobile accident and it is feared that a blood clot has formed on his brain.

Christmas Tree
Friday Evening

The Christmas tree at the First Baptist church, Decatur will be enjoyed Friday evening at six o'clock. A cordial invitation was extended, the public to attend. Special music will be rendered.

EIGHTY APPLY FOR
GROTTO IN DRIVE
FOR CEREMONIAL

Local Members Make
Trip To Moulton On
Wednesday

PETITIONS ARE
NEAR COMPLETE

Assurance Is Felt That
January Event Will
Be Held Here

Kamliam Grotto ceremonial is assured for Albany-Decatur during the latter part of January, it was made known today by E. E. Dickinson, secretary of the Albany-Decatur Grotto club, following a meeting last night at Moulton when a number of local club members made the trip to that neighboring little city for the purpose of obtaining petitions for membership and in stirring interest in the planned ceremonial.

Secretary Dickinson stated today that upward of eighty petitions have been signed by applicants for the January ceremonial and that there seems to be no reason to believe that the ceremony will not be granted these cities.

The delegation making the trip to Moulton Wednesday included: L. W. Lee, president of the local organization, E. E. Dickinson, E. R. Humphrey, J. T. Nelson, O. J. Shepherd, J. P. Cassells, A. N. Mathews and O. J. Richardson. The meeting was enthusiastically attended and a number of petitions asked for the coming ceremonial.

The local club has been racing with the Tri-Cities in an effort to obtain the January ceremonial and it is indicated at this time that the local club has overshadowed all efforts of the Tri-City organization, though official information has not yet been given regarding the placing of the ceremonial.

Funeral Held For
Frank A. Munsey

(Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—High government officials, prominent business and professional men and members of society mingled today with type-setters, printers and newsboys at the funeral services, in the cathedral of St. John, for Frank A. Munsey, newspaper and magazine publisher, who died Tuesday.

Three Local Girls
At Monetvallo

Alabama College closed its doors for the Christmas vacation Monday, December 21. The student body which represents every county in the state, left for their homes after completing one of the most successful quarters of work Alabama College has known. For the first time in the history of the institution the student body represents every county in the state without one exception.

In addition to this distinction the student body and faculty of the college are proud of the fact that it was admitted into the Southern Association of colleges and secondary schools at the meeting December 13, 4 held in Charleston, South Carolina.

Morgan County is represented by three young women at Alabama College this year, Misses Leeta Orr, Hartselle, Etoile Barnes, Albany, and Norma Chandler, Decatur.

No Issue Of The
Daily On Friday

In accordance with its annual custom, there will be no issue of The Daily on Friday (Christmas Day), the management and employees of the paper observing the holiday.



A CHRISTMAS SERMON

Birth of Christ God's Expression of His Infinite
Love For Man.

By REV. NOBLE R. EDWARDS
Pastor First Christian Church

Christmas can hardly be defined because of the many things that go along with it. Christmas is a day that belongs to everybody—it has its sacred appeal to motherhood, it is the coming to pass of a thousand dreams for the child, it gives life to business, it makes its appeal to the wise and rich and brings blessings to the poor. But greatest of all it is an expression of God's love for man.

There is no season in the year that so clearly shows the love of our Heavenly Father as Christmas. What greater love could have been shown to the world than that of God giving His Son? And to think of how human the act of God was, shows more vividly His eternal love for mankind. The words of Moses had not been heeded, the pleadings of the prophets had gone unheard, so God came to the earth in the person of His Son and dwelled among us. The Holy Book tells us that He became flesh and dwelled among us, that He came in the likeness of sinful flesh to condemn sin in the flesh. He became one of us which makes His appeal to the human race all the more beautiful. Before the coming of God in the person of His Son He had lived apart from the world, but the babe in the manger in Bethlehem meant that God was to become one of us. How glorious, how wonderful that God so expressed His love to us by living among us.

Not only does Christmas show the love of God, but it gives to us an opportunity to serve. At this season of the year everybody is thinking about somebody. There is no other time when so many people are remembered by means of gifts. A little girl once said, "I like Christmas better than I do my birthday because only I receive presents on my birthday but everybody receives presents Christmas mas. Think of the great number who are thought of Christmas who otherwise would not be remembered. Such was the spirit brought into the world by the living Christ. He taught that one must go to the extent of his life for his fellows, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for a friend." Christ further taught that one should go about doing good, for that was what He did. Such is the opportunity that Christmas offers. How wonderful it would be for everyone to spend some time Christmas in keeping with the true spirit of the day for Jesus said, Herein is My Father glorified that you bear much fruit. To observe Christmas in fruitful service will be to honor God.

We may also think of Christmas as being a time of true worship. Let us forget and become too busy thinking about the gifts we are to receive and those we are to give, let us think of the first Christmas when the wise men brought their gifts to the Christ, and the shepherds came to worship Him. We, too, on Christmas Day can worship Him. We can thank Him for the blessings of this year and ask Him to guide our thoughts and steps in next year, and we can ask Him to soon bring to pass the saying of the angel, "Peace on earth and good will to men."

WARM AND CLOUDY
WEATHER FORECAST

Rain Not Expected To
Mar Yuletide In
Alabama

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—In contrast to the cold and snow of the Christmas season in the north and east the south tomorrow generally is slated for mild weather.

Christmas day, in Georgia, South Carolina and Florida according to the weather bureau forecast, will bring clear skies and warm sunshine. Extreme northwest Florida, North Carolina, Alabama and Mississippi will not benefit as their sister states from the warm rays of the southern sun, but the forecast of cloudy and warmer does not indicate that the elements will dampen the Yuletide spirit.

Kentucky and Tennessee are scheduled to receive a snappy tinge with overcast skies, the prediction being colder and cloudy.

Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia will take their chances between rain and snow.

Clear Skies Greet
Alabama's Eleven

(Associated Press)

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 24.—Warm weather and clear skies greeted the undefeated gridiron heroes of the University of Alabama, when they stepped from the train today to the soil on which they will give battle New Year's day to the University of Washington team for the East West big game football honors at Rose Bowl.

MORE CIGARS

Clouds of smoke issuing from the Daily office will not necessitate any call for the fire departments. More Christmas cigars have been received this time from our good friend, B. D. Meaders. Thanks.

MOULTON HIGHWAY
COMPLETION WILL
COST \$228,614

J. W. Gwin, Magic City
Contractor, Gets
The Project

INCLUDES 9.32
MILES PAVING

Acceptable Christmas
Gift Is Made To
This Section

Contract for the building of 9.32 miles of road in Morgan County, between Albany-Decatur and the Lawrence county line, connecting with the completed Lawrence county link to Moulton, has been let by the state highway department to J. W. Gwin of Birmingham at a cost of \$228,614.12. The contract was let Wednesday as advertised by the department. After agreeing to two or three smaller contracts in the state, the commission adjourned, the next meeting being scheduled for January 12.

News of the letting of the contract for the building of this particular link of highway comes in the form of a most acceptable Christmas gift to the people of Morgan and Lawrence counties. The Morgan County section of this highway has been a source of discontent and discomfort to the people of this section for a number of years. The stretch of highway between the Moulton city limits and the Lawrence county line has been completed some months ago and while it provided a splendid roadway, it did not serve the people who wished to go from these cities to the Lawrence county capital, nor the Lawrence folks who often found occasion to journey over this way.

The roadway will be either penetration macadam or rock asphalt surface, the commission to select the type and notify the contractor within the next month. The price bid by Mr. Gwin is understood to have been the same for both types of paving.

While the specifications and plans for the building of the road are not actually known, it is understood that some changes will be made in the course of the road, some straightening to be provided, cutting down the distance travelled to some extent. Notification that the contract has been let closes another chapter in North Alabama road history, citizens of this territory having earnestly fought to see the project completed.

Lutheran Station
Broadcasts Message

An early morning Christmas service will be broadcast from radio station KFUD, St. Louis on Christmas day. The topic of the address is "Christ the Savior is born." The address will be delivered by the Rev. F. Brand, third vice president of the Lutheran church, Missouri Synod. A program of Christmas carols will be broadcast with the address. This program will be given at 8 o'clock in the morning.

Station KFUD is popularly known as "The Gospel Voice," as it features only religious programs with the Gospel message, "Christ died for our sins." This station is owned and operated by the board of control of Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis, a Lutheran institution and the largest theological seminary in the country.

The Gospel Voice, KFUD, operates on a wave length of 545.1 meters, 500 watts.

Decatur Cafe
Makes Changes

Announcement is made today that Mrs. Pete Ballas has taken over the proprietorship of the Decatur Cafe and Hotel, Lafayette and Railroad streets, effective immediately. Mr. Ben Gunn, valued employee for many years of the popular establishment, becomes manager.

Helpful Advice to Girls

By Annie Laurie

DEAR ANNIE LAURIE:

I am a girl in my teens and am with a young man of 22 age. I love him but my mother doesn't want me to go out with him. She wants me to go with another young man about two years older than I am. What shall I do? TOOTS.

TOOTS: If you explain to your mother very frankly, I think you will feel about the young man of whom she approves. I am sure she will insist that you continue your friendship with him. Since she has your welfare at heart, she will not want to make you unhappy by asking you to see someone you do not like.

DEAR ANNIE LAURIE:

I am a girl of sixteen and am in love with a young man of the same age. We went out together for three weeks. Now we don't see each other any more. I love him and want to see him again. Would it be all right to "phone him and ask him to come over?" BROKEN-HEARTED.

BROKEN-HEARTED: If you have had no quarrel with this young man, there is no reason why you should not get in touch with him again. But I would not advise you to telephone him, as that is considered a short note inviting him to call. If he is still interested in you he will be delighted to accept.

LIFE OF MOVIE DIRECTOR FAR FROM BEING "BED OF ROSES"

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The life of a movie producer is choked full of hard work, but by admission is one of the most interesting in the world. He spends millions of dollars in carrying out an annual production program. He reads and sees all the best plays and many of the bad ones. He thinks nothing of ordering a company "on location" in Europe.

Alaska, Porto Rico, or the Sahara. Actors, authors, playwrights, poets, artists, models, directors, statesmen, royalty and financiers are to be found among his acquaintances.

Take Jesse L. Lasky. When he comes to his office in the morning on his desk is a long summary of telegrams and cablegrams from the world over.

A story has been purchased especially for a star. A director has been selected. The producing department has obtained actors of the supporting parts. Locations have been designated. In fact, everything virtually is ready for actual work to begin. But here is a telegram to the effect that the star does not like the role; neither does she care for the story, and is in tears over the prospect of having to do it.

"One of the necessities of good work is happiness in doing it," said Mr. Lasky. "If the star is an important one and advances good reasons for not doing the picture, the whole thing has to be postponed until another actor found or another scenario selected. I have to decide what is to be done."

There also is a cable from England saying the company's option is about to expire on a very important literary work. Another message from a company on location gives the news that ruin has so delayed work as to send expenses of the production far above the budget. Should the scenario be recast, omitting the scenes in question, or should the company remain a few days longer in the hope of improved weather?

The telephone rings and a playwright tells him that the big Broadway success on which he had bid \$50,000 and had virtually closed the deal has attracted a better offer from another producing company. Will Mr. Lasky raise the ante.

In walks his secretary with word that a niece of a cabinet member has

introduction. She is beautiful and wants to get into the movies. Or she may be a French or Russian man or woman of title with the same ambition.

Ordinarily an aide would handle applicants, but owing to the importance of the introduction, Mr. Lasky sees the person. He then is late to an engagement with one of his favorite stars, or is past due at the projection room, where a new photoplay awaits his criticism.

Luncheon, and sometimes dinner devoted to a business conference with officials of the company, playwrights, authors and actors. There are men to be sent to Europe to obtain material for a big production. Reports on productions already being exhibited must be read and occasional changes are to be made.

A man who has spent months in the African jungles has completed a picture which the company may desire. Another photographer wants to go to the Arctic to make a film. Thomas Meighan may want a vacation. Another star may ask a raise in salary.

These—and a thousand other questions—the producer must decide, not a small one being the various legal affairs.

A classified want ad will sell used household goods quickly and cheaply.

WHY PLEURISY PUTS A PERSON IN PLASTERS

Five Weeks or More Required to Restore a Patient to Health From This Painful Malady Which Makes Breathing an Agony.

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D.

United States Senator from New York.
Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.



DR. ROYAL S. COPELAND

A STITCH in the side may mean nothing, or it may mean you have the pleurisy. If it really is the pleurisy, it won't be half an hour before you are sure of it. Some diseases run along for a week or two before they make themselves known, but not pleurisy.

Of course there are unusual types of pleurisy which are not so violent, but I am not telling you about those. I am describing the ordinary, honest-to-goodness disease.

It is surprising how many of us have or have had an attack of this ailment. The anatomists find evidence of active or healed pleurisy in a surprising percentage of examinations.

Lining the chest cavity is a delicate membrane called the pleura. Covering the lungs, which are suspended in this cavity, is a layer of the same membrane. You will see that this arrangement causes the two structures—the chest lining and the lung surfaces, one slides upon the other without friction or disturbance. All goes well in the absence of inflammation or disease.

If the pleura becomes involved there is chilliness or a distinct chill, fever or cough. The characteristic symptom is the terrible pain. This takes the form of a "stitch" in the side—a localized, sharp, cutting, stabbing pain. Every breath and every spell of coughing makes the pain worse. It may be almost unbearable.

Every effort is made by the victim to control the cough and to keep from deep breathing. In consequence shallow and rapid breaths are the rule.

As the disease progresses there is an exudate of fluid. This pours out into the pleural cavity, between the chest wall and the lungs. The ribs are unyielding, but the lung tissues are soft and compressible. If the quantity of fluid increased materially it isn't long before the lung is so pressed upon as to be more or less flattened. Then the breathing becomes more difficult from this added cause of discomfort.

In rare cases the accumulation of fluid becomes so great it is necessary to puncture the chest wall to let it escape. Fortunately, the disease is usually capable of such control as to make this extreme treatment unnecessary.

In most instances the fever subsides within a week or ten days. The fluid is absorbed gradually and in four or five weeks it has disappeared.

Rest in bed is gratefully accepted by the suffering patient. He is glad to keep quiet, avoiding any exertion which tends to increase the breathing and the pain.

Broad strips of adhesive plaster strapped across the painful side are most helpful in controlling pain.

Answers to Health Queries

K. H. Q.—How can I reduce?

A.—By eliminating from your diet fats, sugar and starches, as far as possible. Eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables. Exercise daily in the open air.

C. H. Q.—What can be done to help a neurasthenic?

A.—Plenty of sleep, rest, fresh air, gentle exercise, change of scene and diversion are all essential in the treatment of neurasthenia. Copyright, 1925, by Newspaper Feature Service, Inc.

Attala's Community Chest drive has gone over the top, the goal set having been reached during the first week. A part of the proceeds from the drive will be given to push the construction of a new sanatorium on Lookout Mountain.

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is a prescription for
Colds, Grippe, Flu, Dengue,
Bilious Liver and Malaria.
It kills the germs.

GREETINGS!

Whatever Christmas may mean to others, may it mean to you that in the Babe at Bethlehem "was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him."

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sherman and Fourth, Albany

R. W. Hahn, Pastor.

Vesper Service, Dec. 24,

"The Spirit of Christmas,"

7:30 p.m.

Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m.

Come and worship the Christ-child with us.

MAY THERE COME TO YOU
THIS CHRISTMAS
A VERITABLE TREASURE SHIP
OF HAPPINESS,
FULL LADEN WITH A CARGO OF
LIFE'S MOST PRECIOUS THINGS;
FRIENDSHIP, HEALTH, SUCCESS,
PROSPERITY and CONTENTMENT.
AND MAY YOU HAVE "FAIR
WEATHER"
THROUGH ALL THE COMING YEAR.

Hotel Lyons

J. K. HUGHES, Manager

Decatur, Alabama

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DECATUR

We Sincerely Wish You

A Merry Christmas

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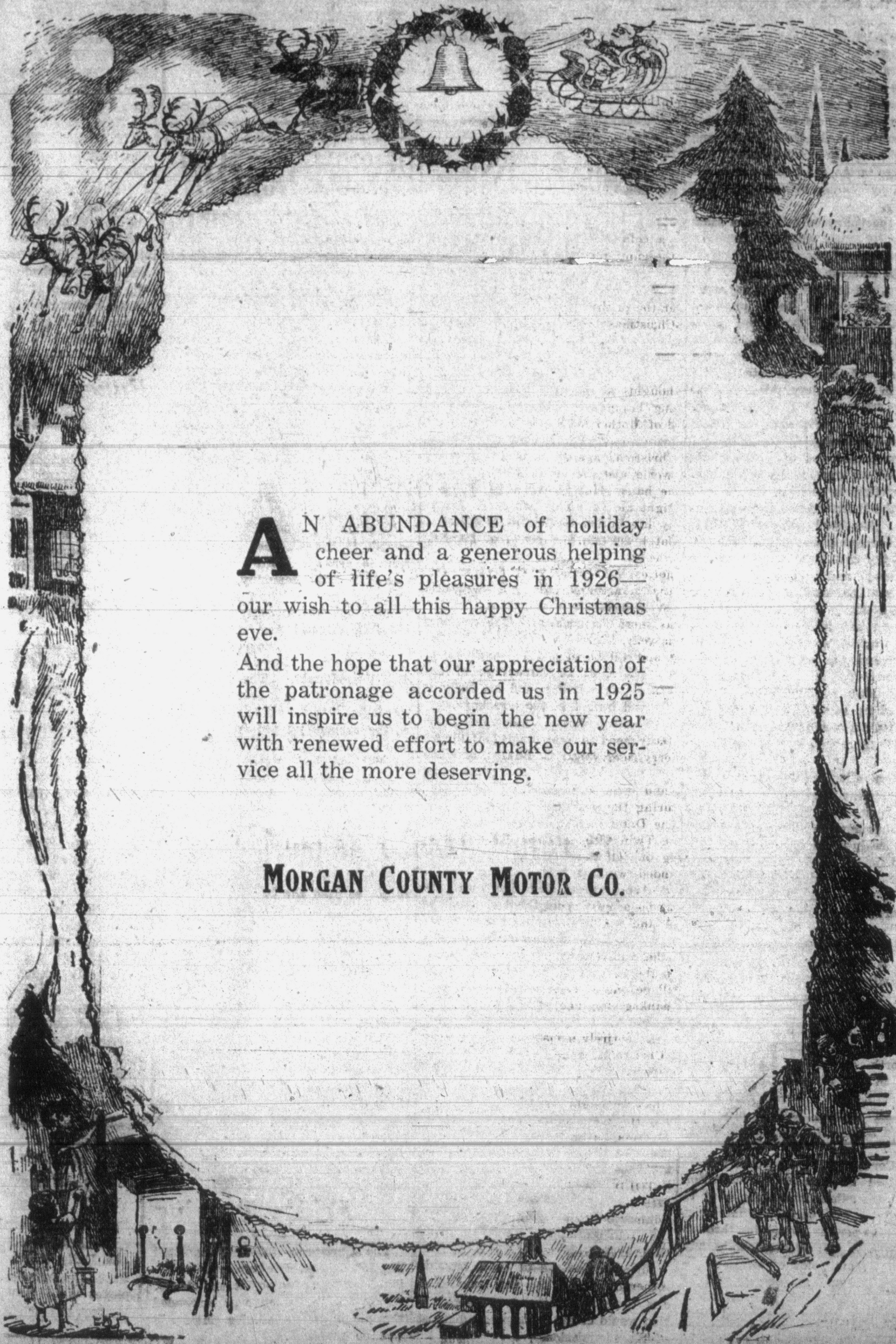
A Happy New Year

ALABAMA POWER CO.

TO MY FRIENDS AND PATRONS:

I am grateful for business given me in the past year and to assure you that my effort in the future will be to give you better, Instant Service—with the same courtesy that you have always found at Lide's.

FRANK P. LIDE



AN ABUNDANCE of holiday cheer and a generous helping of life's pleasures in 1926—our wish to all this happy Christmas eve.

And the hope that our appreciation of the patronage accorded us in 1925 will inspire us to begin the new year with renewed effort to make our service all the more deserving.

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12 Years Ago TODAY

From the Daily of
December 24, 1913.

Conductor Sewall, of the North Alabama Traction company, reported a white man passed a counterfeit one dollar bill on him last night.

A white man, arrested at the Decatur station last night on a charge of disorderly conduct and carrying a pistol, when searched, had \$490 in cash in his person.

A wedding of wide interest to their many friends was solemnized today at the Central Baptist church, when Miss Annie Lou Spight became the bride of Mr. Seneca Burr.

Miss Lottie Wilkerson returned last night from an extended tour, during which she conducted a number of newspaper contests.

Miss Sabine Dupont, of Birmingham, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Dupont.

That "10,000 is not enough," is self-evident when we scan the Christmas buying roll.

From the number of letters published from the wee folk of Albany-Decatur and section, looks like Santa Claus is in for a heavy trip this year.

Just because pocketbooks refuse to inflate at this time of the year is no reason why we should be afflicted with a need for coal.

If the Mitchell courtmartial had made the five years suspension with pay, it wouldn't have been such a hard lot after all.

Our idea of lonesomeness is to be a college student, left behind at school when the rest of the gang goes home for Christmas.

The churches of Albany-Decatur offer the public an opportunity for the celebration of the Christmas occasion. Go to church, the door is open to you.

I THOUGHT

Christmas Eve, thoughts of home, thoughts of the time I used to get up early in the morning hoping I could catch Santa Claus, thought of Dad and of Mother, of Sister and of Brother. Then a flood of love coursed through my veins as I realized it was near Christmas again. I understood, I knew that I loved the world and the people in the world, I knew that a Divine hand guided me, no matter how far away my steps might be, no matter how little interest was manifest in my life or my mode of living and I was happy to know that I was not alone though my folks were far away and the Christmas candles in distant windows brought memories to me and a tear slid down my cheek. I realized that now I had become a man and that through the past year I had not done a great deal for others and I was sorry. I'll make more than a New Year's resolution this year, I'll live like the folks at home wanted me to live and I'll be happy again.

THE DAILY AGAIN WISHES ITS READERS A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

In this season of good cheer, The Daily begs to again wish its large family of readers a merry, merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Many things, some of them good and some of them bad, have come to this community during the year just now closing, but looking backward, The Daily feels that the year has been one of the best the Twin Cities have enjoyed. Our industries are operating on full time, our commercial and industrial life is expanded, we have built new churches and memberships have been increased. Surely He who guides our destinies has been most benevolent to Albany and Decatur this year and we should be duly grateful.

Within a few hours, we celebrate the anniversary of Christ, the Redeemer, who came upon the earth to provide a way of salvation. The day will be one of rejoicing. The spirit of good cheer, of thanksgiving and of charity will be abroad in the land, but let us not forget that the true observance of the day is not entirely a material thing. Let us remember that Christmas, and its observance is inter-linked with the deepest spiritual significance.

We are redeemed because He died that we might live and we are happy in the knowledge that He liveth again in that place on beyond, where we, too through Him may dwell in eternal peace and happiness.

ISN'T IT TIME THAT PUBLIC WAS TOLD WHAT THE POSTAL LAWS PROVIDE?

The Daily is glad to see reproduced in the Birmingham Age-Herald, an editorial paragraph from the Limestone Democrat, which already had appeared in this newspaper, and complaining because some newspapers publish forms of advertising which other papers have been advised is against the postal regulations.

The regulations of the postal department are very strict on the subject of prize campaigns. The attitude

of the department, as explained to The Daily, is that any kind of gift enterprises are legal, provided the gift is awarded on a basis of skill, instead of fortune. In other words a merchant, desirous of giving away, free, one or more articles in an effort to get more customers into his store, is at liberty to advertise such a campaign provided the contestants guess the number of beans in a jar, or similar effort, but the newspapers are not permitted to publish any reference to the campaign, should the gifts be awarded on the basis of lucky numbers.

This attitude has been made perfectly plain to The Daily, and, no doubt to many other newspapers. It does appear, however, that the department fails to take any notice whatever of many papers which continually print references to gift campaigns.

It is time that the newspapers of the country demanded that one rule be adopted for all, and that this rule be made so clear that there could be no possible misunderstandings of its interpretation.

Postmaster General Harry New has given many evidences of possessing a real desire to bring the postal department to the highest plane of efficiency it has ever reached. Adoption of a rule to guide newspapers, and the enforcement of that rule without fear or favor, certainly would relieve many newspapers from embarrassment.

On numerous occasions The Daily has been forced to turn down advertising for the reason that this newspaper believed the advertising to be in violation of the postal regulations. As a usual thing the surprised would-be advertiser, when informed of the nature of these regulations, has taken the same position as The Daily and thoroughly agreed with the attitude of this newspaper.

One can imagine how disconcerting it is to have some other newspaper publish similar advertising a short time afterward, in some other city. The present misunderstandings work a hardship on merchants and newspapers alike. Something assuredly should be done about it.

ANNISTON STAR URGES COMMUNITY CHEST CAMPAIGN FOR THAT CITY

Anniston is following the example of the Twin Cities in considering the community chest movement and The Star, like The Daily, finds many benefits by adoption of such a campaign for relief work in that community.

The Star says: "Anniston's size should have a Community Chest, and most of them have such a method for raising and distributing funds for welfare and charity. Several times the question of having a Community Chest in this city has been brought up and once or twice there was promise of securing one, but the effort always has failed, not through any lack of charity among the people, but doubtless because all were busy at the time about other things and did not give the matter sufficient thought."

What is true of Anniston also is true here. There are many reasons why Albany-Decatur could have a Community Chest and very few valid reasons why these cities should not have one.

It is true that solicitors would find more difficulty in raising a total large enough to care for all of the Twin Cities' charities than they would in obtaining sufficient funds for any one of the organizations interested in welfare work, yet how much easier would the task of these committeemen be made, if they could say to those persons they interview: "We are asking for your donation now to the Community Chest. You may rest assured this is the last demand of this kind which will be made on you this year."

Is there anyone who has considered the matter and not been convinced that such an invitation of this nature would meet with much more liberal response than under existing conditions? With a Community Chest individuals and business men could and, no doubt, would decide in their own minds what their gifts to charity would be for any given year. When the Community Chest solicitors called, they would subscribe for the amount decided on. As things stand now, merchants, professional men, individuals and firms, when asked to subscribe for a charity campaign, are placed almost subconsciously in a defensive position. Probably it has not been long since they were approached by some other equally worthwhile organization, and they know also it will not be long before they are asked again to give. It is a difficult matter for them to estimate how many demands really will be made for money. As charitably as they may be, as big as their hearts are, sound business instinct almost forces them to figure how little they can give, in order that some money may be left for the numerous other organizations which will solicit them.

At this time, when charity occupies such an important place in the minds of all the public, unusual opportunity is given for consideration of the Community Chest idea. When the plan is finally adopted, if it is, some hardships will result, of course, but the Community Chest plan has come to be accepted almost everywhere as the simplest and the best means of collecting money for charitable endeavor and Albany-Decatur, The Daily hopes will not remain long out of line.

In behalf of the Community Chest plan, The Star continues:

Just now a dozen agencies are at work in this city for the relief of distress, for the distribution of Christmas cheer among the poor, for the giving of joy to poor children, for aid to the St. Michael Clinic, for help for the Anti-Tuberculosis association, for the welfare work of the Axis club, for the charitable efforts of the several civic clubs and for the Christmas charitable work of the many churches and church societies.

Suppose all of these agencies were embraced in the Community Chest; suppose the money for all this benevolent and welfare work was contributed at one time and a budget made which would provide for each agency to receive its full share of the fund? Would not that be a good plan?

Instead of having a dozen campaigns during the year to raise funds for this charity or that welfare work, there would be but one campaign under the Community Chest plan. Instead of repeated efforts to raise money, there would be but one effort. Under the Chest plan every organization that dispenses charity would be provided with its full share of money with which to carry on its work, and none would find it necessary to make appeals for aid. The Associated Charities would be able to function without being often mindful of a depleted treasury, the Clinic would get the money it needs for carrying on its merciful work, and every benevolent and charitable organization would share likewise, to the end that the work would be done in a business-like way, avoiding duplication of giving, avoiding repeated "begging" campaigns, and giving ample aid where most needed.

In other years it has been found that in distributing food and gifts among the poor of the city at Christmas some families have been given more than they needed while some others in need received very little, or none at all. Several baskets of food from different organizations have been found in homes where it was intended to have but one basket.

Under the Community Chest plan duplication in giving would be avoided. The work of distribution would be done in a business-like manner, lists of needy families being checked carefully to see that no names appeared twice on the list, and the organized relief work would be more effective, less confusing and less costly, by far, than under the old, rather hap-hazard way of everyone giving and all giving indiscriminately.



OFFICE CAT
TRADE MARK REG.
By Junius

Murder will out. So with the murderer, in from one to ten years.

A bridegroom never actually realizes the meaning of "the bonds of matrimony," until he discovers that somebody has been using his toothbrush to clean her jewelry.

It's a wise cork that knows its own pop.

Judge to prisoner—"Seems to me I have seen your face before."

Prisoner—"Yes sir, I'm the young man who helped your son build a radio set."

Judge—"Twenty years."

The Czechoslovaks are absorbing education all right. They can now not only spell the name of their country, but can spell it a dozen different ways.

"Is this milk pasteurized?"

"I guess so. I bought the cow from a preacher."

Our Bobby was in a store with his mother which he was given candy by one of the clerks.

"What must you say, Bobbie?"

"Charge it," he replied.

Restaurant Manager (to orchestra conductor)—"I wish you'd play a little more tact in choosing the music. We've got the worshipful company of umbrella makers dining here this evening and you've just played 'It Ain't Gonna Rain No More.'"

Some boys go to college to play on the scrub team, but who never would wash their ears at home.

Any guest who ever used the "guest towel" in the bathroom is never invited again.

A girl does not have to have a pretty face to be beautiful, figuratively speaking.

She:—Did you ever realize anything on those oil investments?

He:—Yes, I realized what a jackass I was to buy them.

The man who does the best he is really capable of will find it hard to beat.

A man is also known by the lawyers he keeps.

All that wrinkle are not rolled.

Someone played a mean joke on us the other day when they mailed us a post card bearing these words, "Enclosed please find \$1.50 for our subscription."

Ardent Lover: Ah, Dearie, please say the words that will make you mine.

Girl: Two million dollars.

So live that when you leave town, for a few days some one won't say: "Well, I certainly am enjoying his vacation."

Before the Awakening
Of troubles, connubial, jars and divorce,

This, we believe, is the fruitfulness source;

A man falls in love with a dimple or curl,

Then foolishly marries the entire girl.

In a graveyard in Worcester, England, is a slab over the grave of a departed auctioneer bearing the single word "Gone."

Dough

The United States mint makes it first. It's up to us to make it last.

The proverbial absent-minded Albany-Decatur man was seen walking down the street the other day wearing a puzzled expression. Upon investigation, it transpired that he had been delegated by his better half to

News item in the daily papers: "Mrs. Jack Dempsey, formerly Estelle Taylor, the movie actress, stated yesterday that she had no objection to Jack's proposed fight with Harry Wills. "Fighting is Jack's business," said Mrs. Dempsey, "and I hardly think it would be proper for me to interfere."

"Fighting," so says Mrs. Dempsey, "is Jack's only stock in trade, and I wouldn't ask him not to, lest he think I am afraid."

Maybe so; but Jack's not Irish; fighting solely for the fun. Never has appealed to Dempsey.

He declined to meet the Hun; Claimed exemption in a shipyard at some twenty bucks a day.

Fighting without "compensation" isn't Mr. Dempsey's way.

Purses less than half a million he will skillfully evade.

Jack's a synonym for money; when Jack fights, jack must be paid.

THE Albany-Decatur

Grotto Club wishes its members and friends

the heartiest of Christmas joys, a gladsome

New Year of prosperity and a whole year

of good-will and happiness.

L. W. LEE,

President

E. E. DICKINSON,

Secretary

The cotton association of the Alabama Farm Bureau had handled approximately 100,000 bales of cotton at Christmas. Total number of bales received last season was 79,370.

Notice To Tax Payers
Only five days yet in which to pay your City Taxes without penalty. Pay today.

Henry Hartung
City Clerk
(Advertisement)

FULLY DRESSED

Sleeping Doll FREE

while a limited number lasts

To EACH GIRL UNDER 12

whose mother brings her to our store between now and Thursday night and makes a purchase for Christmas giving.

Let Us Help You Make
Your Little Girl Happy.

Carrell Furniture
Company
Decatur

WE EXTEND to our friends and customers our hearty good wishes for the Holiday Season and may the New Year bring an abundance of Happiness and Prosperity.

TENNESSEE VALLEY BANK



unanimously
from all of us to all of you

All of us are unanimous in wishing all of you luck in tomorrow's distribution of gifts and of cheer—and for 1926 plenty of all the things which make this life a happy sojourn.

MRS. ANNIE MORRIS
J. J. SOLOMON

RUSSELL SPEAKE
GILBERT SPEAKE

H R SPEAKE

DECATUR, ALABAMA

Our promises are made to keep



SOCIETY

Margaret C. Shelton—Phone Decatur 352.

FRIDAY

White Christmas at First M. E. Church, 5 p. m. at the Church.

WARREN-AYCOCK

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Aycock announce the marriage of their daughter, Susie Evelyn, to Mr. David Estill Warren, Jr., December 19th, 1925.

The wedding was quietly solemnized at the parsonage of the Central Methodist church, Rev. J. D. Hunter officiating. The bride was becomingly attired in a frock of black with trimmings of fur and gold lace, and had to match, and she carried an arm bouquet of Killarney roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren left immediately after the ceremony for a short nuptial trip south after which they will be at home with the groom's mother, Mrs. D. E. Warren on Eighth avenue West. Mr. Warren is a valued employee of the Decatur Cornice and Roofing Co., and he and his bride have many friends who wish them much happiness.

PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ENJOY TREE

The children of the First Presbyterian Sunday school enjoyed their annual Christmas tree on Wednesday evening in the Sunday School room.

Christmas Carols were sung and several prayers were offered after which the gifts were distributed.

The annual collection for the Orphan's Home was taken up and a very nice sum was realized.

ALBANY HI ENGLISH CLUB

The English club held their Christmas program in the gymnasium on the new stage Tuesday afternoon, December 22. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mattie Frances Masterson and the minutes were read by the secretary, Evelyn Lee. The following program was rendered:

1. The story of Christ's birth from the Bible, Peggy Davis.
2. Joyous Bells, Velma Mae Seagrins.
3. Piano Solo, Frances Watkins.
4. Playlet, the Traveling man, by Lady Gregory, the characters being: Bruce Spencer, traveling man; John Scheer, the child; Corine Stevens, the mother.
4. Reading, Frances Eaves.
5. Old-time Christmas in many lands, Annie Briscoe.
6. Holy Night, by all.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT CHURCH

The Moulton Heights Baptist church will have their Christmas tree and program at the Church this evening.

Mrs. W. I. Hicks and daughter, Miss Sudie, and Mr. and Mrs. Horace E. Hicks will spend the holidays in Birmingham, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wade.

Miss Mary Bell Wallace of Chattanooga, Tenn., is here to be the holiday guest of her brother, Rev. James D. Wallace.

Miss Elizabeth Wallace will leave Monday for Atlanta, Ga., to attend the Young People's Missionary conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Utter are in Birmingham to be the holiday guests of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Clements and two children of Birmingham arrived Thursday and are the guests for the holidays of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Williamson.

Mrs. Graham and son, of Moulton Ala., will arrive Thursday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Aycock.

Miss Fanny Brown Collier, who teaches in the Birmingham schools is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Collier for the holidays.

Miss Mittie Pierson left Wednesday for Brundige Ala., to spend the holidays with home folks.

Misses Sue and Lucy Walters and Miss Mary Augusta Allred left Wednesday to spend the holidays at their homes in Troy, Ala.

Mrs. Edwin Jones, of Washington D. C., will arrive on Sunday to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Callahan for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Still have gone to Camp Hill, Ala., to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. Lahleen Kinney is in Opelika Ala., to be the Christmas guest of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pitt and family are visiting relatives in Lawrence County.

WHITE CHRISTMAS AT FIRST METHODIST

White Christmas will be observed at the First Methodist church with appropriate exercises on Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Vaughn and daughter are spending the holidays with relatives in Mt. Hope, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brown and family are the guests of relatives near Danville for the holidays.

Mrs. Jesse Johnson has received the sad news of the death of her uncle, Charles Pfaff who passed away a few days ago in Ashtabula, Ohio. Mr. Pfaff had been a resident of that city for the past twenty-one years and was president of the Astabula Bow and Sock Co. He had many friends here who will regret to learn of his death.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Reynolds and daughter, Bessie left Wednesday night for Detroit, Mich., to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Martin and two daughters and son will spend Christmas with his parents in Haleyville Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Griffin of Nashville, will arrive on Friday to spend the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Long.

S. T. Abel of Birmingham will arrive on Thursday to spend the holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Long.

Miss Ruth Murphy of Bloomington, Ill., is expected Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in the Twin Cities.

Miss Lucille Huie will leave on the 26th for Winterhaven, Fla., where he has been transferred by the Postal department.

Miss Gladys Compton is spending the holidays in Birmingham with her sister, Miss Lucille Compton.

Miss Gladys Bernardi arrived this afternoon to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bernardi.

G. W. Foster of Parsons, Kansas and Mrs. F. B. Neeley of Monroe La. are the holiday guests of their mother, Mrs. J. A. Foster.

How Doctors Treat Colds and Flu

To break up a cold overnight or to cut short an attack of gripe, influenza, sore throat or tonsillitis, physicians and druggists are now recommending Calotabs, the purified and refined calomel compound tablet that gives you the effects of calomel and salts combined, without the unpleasant effects of either.

One or two Calotabs at bed-time with a swallow of water—that's all. No salts, no nausea nor the slightest interference with your eating, work or pleasure. Next morning your cold has vanished, your system is thoroughly purified and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you please, no danger.

Get a family package, containing full directions, only 35 cents. At any drug store. —Adv't.

COLDS THAT DEVELOP INTO PNEUMONIA

Persistent coughs and colds lead to serious trouble. You can stop them now with Creomulsion, an emulsified creosote that is pleasant to take. Creomulsion is a new medical discovery with two-fold action; it soothes and heals the inflamed membrane and inhibits germ growth.

Of all known drugs, creosote is recognized by high medical authorities as one of the greatest healing agencies for persistent coughs and colds and other forms of throat troubles. Creomulsion contains, in addition to creosote, other healing elements which soothe and heal the infected membranes and stop the irritation and inflammation, while the creosote goes on to the stomach, is absorbed into the blood, attacks the seat of the trouble and checks the growth of the germs.

Creomulsion is guaranteed satisfactory in the treatment of persistent coughs and colds, bronchial asthma, bronchitis and other forms of respiratory diseases, and is excellent for building up the system after colds or flu. Money refunded if any cough or cold is not relieved after taking according to directions. Ask your druggist. Creomulsion Company, Atlanta, Ga. (adv.)

HEARING JANUARY 5 ON PLAN TO CHANGE THE COTTON RATES

(Continued from page one)

point of origin or from the concentration point to final destination in compressed bales in cars containing minimum loading of 75 bales the through rate from point of origin to final destination will be lower than the rates applying on cotton, in bales, any quantity, to the extent shown in Exhibit No. 1, attached hereto. In other words, where the rate on cotton, in bales, any quantity, is 51 cents or less, no shrinkage will be made when cotton is compressed by the shipper and loaded in lots of 75 bales or more per car. Where the rate on cotton, in bales, any quantity, is 52 cents, shrinkage of 1 cent will be made, the amount of the shrinkage increasing with the measure of the rate, which reflects distance, until a rate of 92 cents is reached, when the full amount of the compression charge of 15 cents is absorbed, the so-called shrunken scale being 77 cents per hundred pounds.

4.—Carrier's privilege rates will be discontinued and compression, if any, will be at the expense of the shipper. Compression en route can only be obtained under concentration arrangements.

5.—Cotton in uncompressed bales, subject to minimum of 50 bales per car, may be stopped in transit en route to destination for the privilege of warehousing and subsequent reshipment to final destination at the through rate from origin point to final destination, plus transit charge of 4 cents per hundred pounds.

6.—Back-hauls will not be permitted, except in special cases, each to be adjusted upon its merits.

7.—Substitution of rail transit cotton for rail transit cotton will be permitted under concentration arrangements, but substitution of rail transit cotton brought in by wagons, trucks or boats will not be permitted. No substitution whatever will be permitted arrangements beyond that already in connection with warehousing connection with cotton which has been previously handled under concentration arrangements. In other words, cotton reshipped under warehousing arrangements must be against the building covering the identical cotton inbound to the warehousing point.

DEATH KNELL SOUNDED FOR THE BELL HANGING PROFESSION

(Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Modern scientific inventions, which have spelled the ash heap for old-fashioned usages, have sounded the death knell for another once respected and prosperous vocation—bell hanging.

Like the makers of clipper ships, hoop skirts and the sundry other developments of the past which have come and gone, struck down by the march of progress and fashion, the bell hanger of today—and his class is a handful—is a man virtually without a job.

FRUITS CAKE

We have a nice line of fruit cakes made of the very best materials.

Sizes 1, 2 and 4-pound—

50c

per pound

We also have a full line of Layer Cakes.

Special orders given careful attention.

TWIN CITY BREAD CO.

Decatur Cafe

Mrs. Pete Ballas, Proprietress
Ben Gunn, Manager
CHRISTMAS DINNER 50c

— MENU —

Cream of Chicken Soup
Roast Turkey, Oyster Dressing, Cranberry Sauce
Celery Head Lettuce Queen Olives
Creamed Mashed Potatoes Baked Yams
Creamed Asparagus on Toast
Stewed Peas with Drawn Butter
Hot Mince Roll.
Tea, Coffee or Milk.

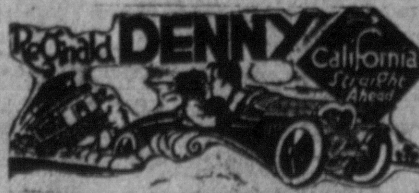
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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

PRINCESS

TODAY

HANDSOME,
HILARIOUS,
REGINALD DENNY
IN A RIOTOUS
ROMANCE OF
WILDLY BEATING
HEARTS and
SNORTING
RACING CARS!
3,000 MILES OF
LAUGHS.

LAUGHS,
LAUGHS!



— SEE —

The Millionaire's Mobile Mansion.
Rubber-tired Riot of Nerve-tling Romance.
All Aboard For the Time of Your Life Today.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DAY PROGRAM

COLLEEN MOORE

Special Music By Jack Hayner on the Photoplayer



EXTRA ADDED

Special Music Christmas Night By Jack Haynes and His Six Footwarmers at 8:45
Come Everybody and Let's Have a Good Time.

Dear Patrons and Friends:
The Crescent Amusement Co. and each and every one of its employees wish you a merry, merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We thank you for your support and patronage, and we trust that we may continue to earn your patronage and friendship, by serving you with the best in amusements.

PRINCESS

DELITE and STAR Theatres

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EITHER EXCHANGE
LIDE'S
INSTANT SERVICE

Lamar Smith, banker, has offered to donate a three-acre site for a proposed new grammar school at Alabama City. Education authorities plan to erect a \$60,000 building some time soon.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Special Christmas Services Friday

2:30 and 7:15

A service that is different.

The public is invited to attend each of these services.

Brother Claude Woodruff who was minister of church for two years, will be present and take part in these services and we are expecting other men of ability to be present. Too, we plan to be able to use the spacious auditorium. Come and bring your friends.

Notice To Tax Payers
Only five days yet in which to pay your City Taxes without penalty. Pay today.

Henry Hartung
City Clerk

(Advertisement)

HOTEL LYONS CAFE

Christmas Dinner \$1.50

Served From 12 to 1:30; 6 to 8 p.m.

— MENU —

Hearts of Galery Salted Almonds Queen Olives
Half Grapefruit Marachino Cherries
Cream of Oyster Soup
Roast Young Turkey Hen Dressing Giblet Sauce
Cranberry Jelly Pineapple Fritter
Mashed Potatoes Baked Macaroni with Cheese
Lettuce and Tomato Salad Thousand Island Dressing
Boiled Custard Whipped Cream Fruit Cake
Coffee, Tea or Milk Hot Biscuits

ATTENTION

KNIGHTS of PYTHIAS

Please be present at 511 Sherman street at 2 o'clock sharp, to attend the funeral of Knight W. W. Garnett.

E. P. KINGSBERRY, C. C.

B. F. GRAVES, K. of RS., pro-ten

IN EXTENDING you our best wishes for a joyful Christmas and a New Year of abundant happiness and prosperity, permit us, with Dodge Brothers, Inc., also to express the wish that we may ever continue to merit your highest confidence.

HARRIS MOTORS CO.

Second Avenue

AMONG our assets we like to count the only one which money cannot buy—your good-will.

May the Milk of Human Kindness be bountiful and may you have the Cream of all good things this Holiday Season and throughout the coming year.

Decatur
Ice Cream &
Creamery
Co.

DAILY CLASSIFIED ADS

Fill your wants in shorter time at less cost than any other medium.

RATES

One insertion, one cent a word; three insertions, two cents a word. Minimum 25 cents per insertion.

TERMS

Cash with order except business firms having accounts.

TRY A THREE-TIME AD

It costs less and produces more. You get three insertions at the price of two.

FRIENDS—My office is fast approaching the end of 1925, a year that has been very prosperous to me and the last month, December has been a wonderful month. Words cannot express my appreciation for all of these favors and at this season I not only wish my friends but everyone a most pleasant Christmas and a wonderful 1926. J. A. Thornhill.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Let me sell you your Christmas flowers. Have Begonias, Cyclamen, Primrose, Poinsettias and ferns. Will appreciate your order. Miss Lydia Rainey, 206 Wilson avenue, 295-J. Decatur. 21-3t.

FOR SALE—Windshields, any cars by C. E. Malone. 27-4f.

FOR RENT

RAW FURS—Are in very good demand and we are paying our shippers the very top market prices. Try us with a shipment and be convinced. We also handle hides, weasels, raccoons, etc. Write for our price list. Block Bros. 161 2nd ave., South, Nashville, Tenn. Dec. 3-10-17-24.

FOR RENT—Three room apartment furnished centrally located. First floor. Call Albany 556-J. 10-1f.

MISCELLANEOUS

Typewriter Ribbons. While they last 60 cents each. Record or copy. For any make machine. H. E. Carpenter, 112 West Vine street, Decatur. 22-3t.

Irvin C. Craig, formerly at Moulton and for last six months at University of Alabama is now employed at Moye's Barber Shop. Come around and meet him; you'll like his work.

WANTED—I used top buggy. Write me what you have and price. J. M. Stogner, Route 1, Albany. 23-3t.

LOST—White pointer puppy, six months old, black ears, small black spot on hips. Used in high school play Monday night. Strayed from building after play. Reward if returned to 409 Jackson street. Phone Albany 344. 23-3t.

LOST—Key ring with 4 keys. Find or please return to 614 Sherman street or call Albany 686. 24-1t.

Regardless of price. If you find our Black Diamond ranges fail to please you as good as the best, and by far better than the rest. We will instantly and cheerfully refund your money. And your credit is fine. The Little Furniture Store. 19-6t.

HORSE AND BUGGY WANTED—Will buy together or separately. Call at Daily office. 19-4t.

Plumbing and Heating Phone 130-J Decatur. For an estimate, plumbing and heating, honesty and service. No job too large, or too small for our careful attention. G. A. BLACKWELL PLUMBING CO. 521 Corner Canal and Vine St.

LADIES do something about this. Get our offer of free stationery printed for yourself. Send self addressed stamped envelope. Denison 211 Backel, Dayton, Ohio. 24-1t.

Notice To Tax Payers Only five days yet in which to pay your City Taxes without penalty. Pay today.

Henry Hartung
City Clerk
(Advertisement)

When You Are in Need of Job Printing of Better Kind. Call The Daily.

TILLIE THE TOILER

By
Russ
Westover



THANKS, TILLIE THAT'S VERY THOUGHTFUL OF YOU.

DAILY BUYING GUIDE

Your advertisement here is a constant ready reference.

RATES

\$7.50 per column inch per month.

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PHONE DECATUR 32 TAXI?
We'll Come at Once
Day or Night
W. I. Fuller
Taxicab Service

H. MULLEN
Plumbing
Steam and Hot Water Heating
Experienced and Reliable
Phone 64. 222 Grant St.

Adolph Abegglen
Our Home Tailor
makes clothes right at home where you can get one or two fittings. Good fit and first-class workmanship guaranteed.
Ladies' and Men's Clothing Remodelled
Over Western Union Office
DECATUR

ARCHITECT
General Contractor
Cabinet Work—Store Fronts
Get it right—it is cheaper.
W. L. CLANTON
Phone Albany 475

GOODE PLUMBING & HEATING CO.
Dependable work moderately priced.
Ask for estimate.
Standard Plumbing Fixtures
212 Johnston St. Phone Albany 610

Cain, Wolcott & Rankin (INC.)
Complete Insurance Service
Phone Albany 40

LIST YOUR FOR SALE REAL ESTATE With Me.
B. D. MEADORS
DECATUR, ALA.

DECATUR TAXI CO.
Phone Decatur 96
DAY and NIGHT SERVICE
Campbell, Sadler & Smith

PALACE CAFE
We Are Now In Our New Location

"A Good Place to Eat"

BUILD IT UP!

People have coughs and colds mostly because they lack resistance and are not adequately nourished.

Scott's Emulsion

rich in vitamins supplies the weakened system with nourishment that helps restore resistance. Build up your strength with Scott's Emulsion.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J. 25-23

When you need Job Printing of the Better Kind, call Albany 46

ANTI-FREEZE
—For Sale By—
Clements Drug Store

Three Burned To Death In Hotel

(Associated Press)
OKMULGEE, Okla., Dec. 24.—Two children and a nineteen year old girl were burned to death, the mother of the two children was critically burned, three others were injured, and 13 others barely escaped with their lives when a three-story frame hotel, the oldest in Okmulgee, burned early today.

The dead are: Clem Wall, 14; Lorena Wall, 10; and Beatrice Mulberry, 19, of Arkansas.

PINCHED POCKETBOOK CAUSES VIENNA TO SHIFT MEAL HOURS

(Associated Press)
VIENNA, Dec. 24.—A pinched pocketbook is responsible for a rearrangement of the habits of the best society people in Vienna, as far as meals are concerned. Families are trying to enjoy life as much as possible on a small income and in order to take in dances and music, have abolished the set evening dinner.

Instead, tea is now taken an hour later, generally at six o'clock, so that sons and daughters working in the city can participate. Circles of friends take this meal at each others' flats in turn, and there is dancing to wireless or the gramophone until nine. This is followed by a "hot sausage" meal with which horse-radish is served together with any sandwiches left over from tea.

The new custom is considered not only economical, but tends to keep society in better condition physically, ladies preserving the slimmest so necessary for present-day fashions.

THANKS AGAIN

More good friends of the Daily have been busy in the spreading of Christmas good will and friendliness. The Central National bank presented the Daily force with a Christmas greeting of fine cigars for which the force wishes to express appreciation.

A new cotton warehouse of 10,000 bale capacity will be constructed at Huntsville in the near future. It has been announced. It is understood that the building will cost approximately \$50,000.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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We are authorized to announce B. E. Isbell as a candidate for Sheriff of Morgan County, Ala., subject to the action of the democratic primary August 10th, 1926.

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CARRILON COMES INTO POPULAR USE AFTER HUNDRED OF YEARS

(Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The carillon with clavier as an instrument in civic musical education has been peeling from singing towers in Convivial and teaching a love for folk songs and the great melodies of their fatherland. The carillon has shared its companionship in all the stirring events in the history of these countries, usually at the public charge. In not a few of the towers the carillon has been played for a hundred years or more on the same day and at the same hour.

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While the United States has but fifteen sets of the bells in operation, declares William Gorham Rice, who has devoted a great part of his life to the chronicling of carillons, it nevertheless can boast of the largest in the world. He says no carillon built since the earliest Harmony in 1664 compares in size with the one installed in the Park Avenue Baptist church here by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in memory of his mother. Rice describes the carillon as a characteristic democratic municipal music in a book published by Dodd, Mead and Co. August Hecksher, New York philanthropist, has offered to present one of the instruments to the city as a World War memorial if the city will erect a tower in the middle of Central Park in which to house it.

The carillon had its origin in a mechanical arrangement of sets of small bells in connection with the clocks which in the fifteenth century came to be an essential part of the municipal towers of the Low Countries. It was not long before the mechanism was arranged to play a little tune. More satisfactory musical effects were sought as the instrument progressed. When a city bought a carillon it was formally welcomed by the burghmaster and people, and amid rejoicings the bells were consecrated with elaborate ceremony.

The bells are turned to the intervals of the chromatic scale, the compass being three or more octaves. The lowest bell is often many tons in weight with each succeeding bell smaller so that in the highest octave the weight of each bell is but a few pounds. All the bells are hung so as not to swing.

"The carillon is essentially chromatic in its intervals, while the chime is essentially diatonic," says Rice in distinguishing between the two instruments. "The chromatic characteristic enables a master of a carillon keyboard not only to play the notes of a great variety of music but to interpret its sentiment and to produce effects which are distinctive and peculiarly a property of this instrument."

"That a carillon should be in tune

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Insects Are Not Blinded, Said

(Associated Press)

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 24.—Although insects are color blind, recent experiments indicate they may have a range of vision in the violet ray invisible to the human eye.

Flowers of different hues apparently have characteristic ultra violet radiations and thus seem identical to the insect, says a paper of Frank E. German, professor of chemistry at the University of Colorado, for the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which meets here December 28-Jan. 2.

"There was at one time a theory," says the scientist, "that flowers were beautifully colored to attract insects with the ultimate idea of cross pollination. This was a fine theory had not someone proved that insects are color blind."

"A biologist not long ago tested his theory of the violet ray. The biologist captured some flies and took them to a physicist who placed them in test tubes exposed only to ultra violet light."

Prof. German then explained how by examining with a microscope the pollen on the legs of insects, it is possible to learn what flowers the insects visit. It became apparent, he adds, that flowers do have characteristic ultra violet radiations.

Caricatures Cause Considerable Talk

(Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Max Beer's caricatures of noted personages, the exhibition of a number of which caused a flurry of comment in official and social circles, are brought together in a new volume which the author dedicates to Sir Edmund Gosse, English man of letters and distinguished literary critic.

In caricaturing the movements and peculiarities of celebrities in all sections of society, Beer found a pleasing outlet for his satire. Each sketch is accompanied by an "idea" expressive of the author's viewpoint. The new arrangement of characters published by Doubleday, Page & Co. leads with Lord Balfour. Royalty, statesmen, authors, playwrights and artists run the gamut before the end is reached with Bernard Shaw.

The cartoon of "The Prince of Wales in New York" which created an uproar when hung in the Leicester Galleries in London, has been included. Lord Birkenhead, Lord Chesfield, Lord Oxford, Duff Cooper, Lloyd George, Stanley Baldwin, John Drinkwater, Lytton Strachey, H. G. Wells, Joseph Conrad, Arnold Bennett and Prof. William Rothenstein are others whom Beerhohn parades in his "Observations."

MINOR LEAGUE OFFICIALS TO MEET ON CATALINA ISLAND

(Associated Press)

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Dec. 24.—The minor leagues' annual convention this winter will be held on Catalina Island, California, Jan. 12 to 14, and a party of 300 officials of the smaller baseball circuits is expected to leave for the western tour from Chicago on Jan. 8.

The National Board of Arbitration will hold business sessions en route in a special car. All officers of the national association are up for election, including the arbitration board. The visitors at the convention will help dedicate Wrigley Field, the new baseball plant of the Los Angeles Coast League baseball club on Jan. 16.

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SPORTS

Alabama Lads Will Rest Oars Christmas In Lands of the Golden West as trip Ends

Bama boys will start the week's recuperation, from the long journey to the west coast, on Christmas Day. Of course it is not a week of recuperation, the boys will be stretching their legs and getting used to breathing western atmosphere which will mean a great deal in the long run. Becoming used to the weather conditions is a big factor in winning football games.

College teams have been known to make long jaunts into intersectional battles and then, though they may have the best team of the two, be known to go down in defeat because it took longer than the first half to become accustomed to the field and to the climatic conditions. A team that is not used to playing in a stadium is often faced with the difference in good and bad air, the atmosphere seems oppressive to them and it is a hard matter for them to strike a winning gait.

Alabama has an excellent chance for victory against the University of Washington, though we do not think that 'Bama will come off with a two touchdown victory as her backers predict. Alabama has a set of backs as good as any in the country, not individually of course, but collectively, they work as a machine, all of them powerful when given the ball. Defensively they prove that the fleet-

footed antelopes of other teams are not so fleet after all. Alabama has been scored on just once this year and that by Birmingham-Southern, another Alabama team that pushed across the goal line after Alabama's first string eleven had been taken from the field and sent to the showers. Alabama has stopped great Georgia Tech, Georgia, Kentucky and Florida teams; there is little reason to think that Alabama will not give Washington plenty to think about. Wade is prepared and through the coming week it will be found that he is continuously fixing the minds of his squad on the one thought to win. A victory will mean much to Wade, it will mean much to Alabama and a great deal to the state. Washington is confident of victory, Alabama is not over-confident in the least. The men

are going to play the best football they know how and under Wallace Wade's system, that means something.

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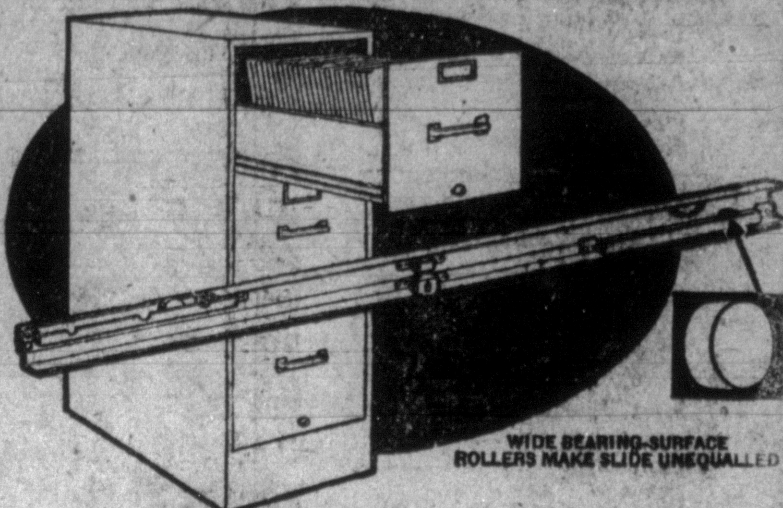
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"Sh-h-h!—
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SANTA'S COMIN'!

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H! Don't dare breathe, Buddy!"
"Dust know I heard sleigh bells, I did.—Now all gonedy. What's Santa like?"

"Sh! thought I heard sumpin—maybe he's in there now."

"What's he doing, oh, I'm frightened."

"Aw, don't get scared, honey—he's nice, Santa is. Big, you know, and jolly, 'neverthing. Hope he don't forget what I specially wanted—wonder if he got my letter?"

"I wrote him, too—it wasn't real writin' like yours, but mama said she thought he could read it—'cause he's smarter than most. What did you ask for?"

"Well, I specially wanted a real saxophone and some roller skates, and a new sled—and some other things, oh yes, I did specially want a fountain pen like Dad's and a pair of bunnies and a bicycle, and a boat with real sails. What did you ask for?"

"Oh, I told him I'd like a fire engine that would gallop and gallop and blow a whistle and ring bells, toot, toot and everybody get out of the way! Hooray!"

"Sh, Sh—not so loud—say, you're thinkin' of a real fire engine, you are!"

"Yes, sure, with white horses."

"For goodness sakes—he couldn't give you that."

"Why not?—I'd like that, best of all."

"Well, a real fire engine with horses—well—it's too big—d'you know how big it is?"

"No, how big is it?"

"It's as big as our room, 'n as high as these stairs, the ladder is, and horses, real horses, d'you know how big they are, now?"

"No, how big?"

"They are about twic't as high as you are. I stood close by one on the street when the mounted policeman stopped, and I couldn't reach up to his top side, where the saddle is. Say, if Santa did give you one, Mama wouldn't let you keep it, anyway."

"Why—why not?" (sadly).

"'Cause they has to be a barn for horses, bigger'n a garage, and our garage's all full of our car, and tires, and pop's tools, and you couldn't get a horse in anywheres, besides not two horses specially. There, now, don't cry over it. I bet Santa'll think up sumpin' just as good—maybe he'll get you a play fire engine about your size, and gee, that will be lots better, or a scooter, that you can play is a fire engine, and yell dang dang! fire! fire."

Voice from below:

"Children, are you up? You should have been asleep long ago. Now trot right along to bed. Santa might go on by if he found you up—he likes good little boys, hurry now!"

"Say, Mother—"

"Yes?"

"If you see him, tell him not to forget my saxophone, Mother, specially."

"And, Mudder—"

"Yes?"

"Tell him not to forget my fire engine—very specially please."

"All right, now hop along to bed, both of you."

"Merry Christmas, Mother!"

"Same to you!"

"Merry Christmas, Mudder."

"Yes, dear."

"And Mudder—Say Merry Christmas to Santa too please."

"All right. Good night."

"G'ood night."

At this season we wish to express our gratitude
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Again I thank you for your loyal patronage
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A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A BRIGHT NEW YEAR

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BETHLEHEM'S MESSAGE OF LOVE

Though two thousand years have passed, the light of
Bethlehem's star must still be shed abroad in our
hearts, if we would have the love, mutual understand-
ing and co-operation of our fellowman; so today we
repeat the message of the angels' song:

"Peace on earth, good will to men.

H. M. PRIEST

THE SEASON'S BEST!

On Christmas the skies may be gray or blue
But the day will be shining and bright for you;
It matters not what weather descends
If love shines out from the hearts of friends.
Please accept this as an expression of our regard
for our friends.

SIVLEY & SANDLIN

Merry Open House on Christmas Eve

Seamstress Finds a Warm
Welcome and Assists at
Social Function.

By MARTHA BANNING THOMAS

BEACON HILL was
ablaze with can-
dles. They shone
in every window.
They gleamed
through the glass
panes of the door-
ways. Tall can-
dles, short can-
dles; candles of every size and color.
For was it not Christmas Eve? And
is it not a custom to make merry at
this special time in a very charming
way?



Groups of Carolers Stood at Street
Corners and Sang.

Groups of carolers stood at street
corners and sang. Hundreds of people
strolled up and down. There was an
atmosphere of good will that pervaded
the place as surely as wreaths hung
in the windows.

There was one house in particular
that glowed with a shining brilliance.
Part of this light was due to a pyra-
mid formation of candles on the win-
dow-sill, and part came from the
happy sounds which issued forth
through the open door. This place was
keeping "open house" with a venge-
ance. It looked like a glorified Christ-
mas card.

Miss Mixer never knew exactly
how it happened. She was hurrying
home after a hard day's sewing in a
dressmaker's shop. She was tired and
hungry. Christmas Eve to her merely
meant that she was wearier than usual.
She stopped for a moment to look in
through the door of this happy, shin-
ing house. And then, almost unaware
of what she did, she walked in. Yes,
she actually did. And she had no
more idea of who lived there than a
maple tree on Boston Common! Some-
thing drew her straight to the fire-
place. She went as naturally as a
bee seeks honey.

In that merry, well-dressed throng
she looked a bit rusty. Her hat was
entirely too old. There was some-
thing wrong in the cut of her coat.
Her gloves had seen hard service. And
her shoes, well—her shoes were the
despair of cobblers.

Miss Mixer began talking to a
laughing-eyed woman dressed in green.
"You look like a daffodil," said Miss
Mixer. And this pleased her hostess
so much that she burst into a peal of
merriment.

From that moment they seemed to
have a great deal to say to each other.
Then, suddenly looking about her,
Miss Mixer saw she was the center
of attention. Dozens of interested
people were regarding her with
amused eyes.

A quick reaction swept over her.
She felt lonely and afraid. Why was
she here? Who were these people?

Why had she come into this house?
She felt a quiet hand on her arm.
"Do stay, won't you?" begged the
hostess in green. "I need someone to
help me. Couldn't you spare a moment
on Christmas Eve to aid a daffodil in
distress! Just keep your eye on these
people and tell me who is served and
who is not. It's so difficult."

Miss Mixer looked up keenly into
the smiling face. And she knew she
was genuinely wanted.

"I'll stay," announced Miss Mixer,
"and," she grew spirited, "the first
person who needs a cup of coffee is
myself."

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Christmas Song

Why do bells for Christmas ring?
Why do little children sing?

Once a lovely, shining star,
Seen by shepherds from afar,
Gently moved until its light
Made a manger-cradle bright.
There a darling baby lay
Pillowed soft among the hay.
And his mother sang and smiled,
"This is Christ, the Holy Child."

So the bells for Christmas ring,
So the little children sing.
—Lydia Avery Coonley Ward.

"Merry Christmas,
Happy New Year!"

By Ellis Parker Butler,
—in St. Nicholas

LITTLE clodd Rastus come a-kippin'
down the street,
A-smilin' an' a-grinnin' at every one he met;
My, oh! he was happy! Boy, out he was gay!
Wishin' "Merry Christmas" an' "Happy
New Year's Day!"
Wishin' that his wishes might every one
come true.
And bless your dear heart, honey,—I wish
the same to you!

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in Montgomery county this year.
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We wish you joy, we wish you wealth,
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To all who would be our friend.
"A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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We wish you both "A Happy Christmas
and a Prosperous New Year.

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Again the good old message,
You've heard it oft before;
"A Merry Christmas, bright New Year
And hope for many more."

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SEASON'S GREETINGS!

OUR BEST WISHES TO OUR PATRONS
AND FRIENDS

—for a—

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

MORGAN FURNITURE CO.

TO OUR ESTEEMED FRIENDS:

May golden sunshine, and all good cheer, make bright
for you, the coming year.

We are glad to number you among our many customers; it has been a
pleasure for us to serve you through the year just passing and we hope to
keep it up during 1926.

L. B. WYATT & SON

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:

May your Christmas Day be happy,
Filled with joys and memories sweet,
May this little word of greeting
Speak for us until we meet—

But we hope to have the pleasure of meeting you and serving you many
times during 1926, so don't hesitate to call on us.

S. H. BRADLEY

LIFE'S BEST GREETINGS!

Dear Friends:—

May each hour of the Christmas Holidays be counted by you a
blessing in the endless rosary of time.

The New Year too we would not forget, but add a wish that it
may be a banner year for you.

CLEMENTS DRUG STORE

HEAVEN'S BLESSINGS!

A long and happy lifetime,
Firm friends both kind and true,
And all the countless blessings
Heaven gives, we wish for you.

But when all these good things come, don't forget us; we will still appreci-
ate your calls and patronage. They will help us keep cheered up till
Christmas comes again.

CROW & CROW

PLEASANT GREETINGS!

Tho' you have many greetings
This Christmas by the post,
No truer ones than these we send,
That pleasure on your way attend,
And all you care for most.

RENT-A-FORD—DRIVE IT YOURSELF

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FELICITATIONS OF THE SEASON:

FRIENDS:—

We want to thank you each and every one for your
part in our past success, and to offer our felicitations of
the season.

So we wish you "Unbroken Friendships and
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TO OUR FRIENDS—HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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WE HOPE MANY GOOD FORTUNES

MAY BE YOURS

TO ENJOY THROUGH THE YEAR 1926.

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**A HAPPY CHRISTMAS and A JOYOUS
NEW YEAR**

Many sunny days and golden hours
Strew your way with fairest flowers;
Fortune bright and friendship true,
Bless the coming year for you.

MATLOCK'S CASH STORE

**Christmas Parcel
for Miss Melinda**

**Package Did Not Contain
Expected Ring, but She
Became Engaged.**

By MARION R. REAGAN

MISS MELINDA BROWN, spinster, had been waiting all year for Peter Moffat to propose. In fact, ever since they had met some two years before, she had felt that

Peter could be brought around to take the "big plunge" with her into the sea of matrimony, but things had not gone on so well as she could have hoped. She was sure Peter loved her, but he was an extremely shy man and it required no little pushing to get him up to the point. Several times Melinda thought she "had" him. She had given him every opening by referring coyly to her "own little home—if she ever had one," and to her "lonely life at present," but Peter only sat silent at such remarks, ignoring them completely, or stupidly telling her that after all, many people led more lonely lives than she, and not to be so discontented.

Melinda looked forward to the approaching Christmas season with glee. Surely, he would give her a ring for Christmas, after these months of courting.

The season advanced and Christmas arrived bringing a parcel from Mr. Moffat and a note sent from Chicago. Melinda's heart sank when she saw the postmark. "Out of town for Christmas. Then it is all off," she said sadly. She glanced at the package—ten inches square—surely no engagement ring in that. Slowly she untied it. It was writing paper. She opened the letter from him and read: "Just a Christmas greeting, hoping you will write to me frequently. I shall be in Chicago for several months."

"Sincerely,
"PETER MOFFAT."

Furious, Melinda tore the note into bits. "I shall never look at him again," she breathed. "And after the way I've run after him! But that's been the trouble. I've run after him too much. I shall never write to him. From this out I shall never speak to him again—never speak to him again!" she repeated emphatically.

And Melinda kept her word. Peter Moffat was growing a little uneasy. Three months had passed and no word from Melinda. It finally became too much even for the patient Mr. Moffat. He felt his temper rising steadily against Melinda. "Thinks she can play a game like that, eh? Run after me while I'm in town and then drop me when I go away. Probably after some other man now." This thought brought crimson flashes of jealousy to the already highly colored cheeks of Peter Moffat. "By George, no woman will make a fool out of me!" he exploded. "I'll go to Springfield tonight and I'll make her marry me. After all these months of courting her, too!"

It so happened that Melinda's cousin, Arthur, who had come from Kansas City was having dinner with her at the hotel the night Peter Moffat came in from Chicago. Peter was hurrying down the street from the station when he happened to look in at the brightly lighted restaurant of the hotel and there—what? He stopped dead still, the evil green monster rising in his breast. It was Melinda with another man! His first impulse was to rush into the hotel, punch this impertinent stranger and carry Melinda off with him. But this shyness was stronger than his passion and he only turned away, grinding his teeth and clenching his fists. He would see Melinda in the morning at her house!

The next morning about nine o'clock Melinda was surprised to see Peter Moffat at her door. She began to tremble nervously. "Good morning, Peter," she said to him, and extended a cold, moist hand. Peter grunted.

"I've come to talk to you, Melinda," he said very seriously indeed, and closed the door behind him. They sat in the little parlor of the Brown house. "You haven't been playing a straight game with me, Melinda," he began. "I know all about it—you needn't try to explain. I saw you last night, and I've seen you other nights. You have only been using me as a plaything while you've had these other fellows on the side."

Melinda gasped. "Why Peter Moffat, you—you"—she could think of nothing to say.

"I know all about it," he repeated; "I've been watching you. Now all I've got to say is that I'm not a man to be trifled with. Either you marry me at once or you never will see me again. I want an answer right now, yes or no."

A classified want ad will sell used household goods quickly and cheaply.

MANY GLAD RETURNS OF THE DAY!

Fresh as flowers after showers,
Bright as dewdrops in the sun.
Be your happy Christmas hours
And many others to come.

This is the sincere wish of our hearts to our fellowman
this Christmas.

MOTOR SALES COMPANY

SAME OLD CHRISTMAS WISHES!

Dear Customers and Friends:—

We would but repeat the time-old message—

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS

—and—

A BRIGHT AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR."

ONE-ONE-ONE TIRE SERVICE

WE ARE GLAD TO REMEMBER

so jolly a date, but since we can't be with you to help
celebrate, we just send kind thoughts and remem-
brances for the day of all days, and wish you the hap-
piest Christmas and most prosperous new year.

CRANE'S CLOTHES SHOP

THE CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK

—EXTENDS—

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

—and the—

JOYS OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON
TO ITS PATRONS AND FRIENDS

—in—

Albany-Decatur and Vicinity.

GREETINGS!

This is just a little token of our friendship strong
and true and may we in return merit your good will
and fellowship.

RUSSELL & RUSSELL

"Milady's Toggery"

THANKS and HEARTIEST WISHES!

DEAR FRIEND:—

Since love, joy and kindly feeling are running riot in the world just
now, we want to take advantage of the opportunity to express to you our
kindest thoughts and heartiest wishes.

Be assured that your past business has been appreciated, and that
your future business is solicited.

ALBANY DRY CLEANERS

Phone Albany 511

GOLDEN, HAPPY DAYS!

May your Christmas hours be filled
With sunshine's golden rays,
And bring you many blessings
Through other happy days.

SHEATS & ALEXANDER

LOVE AND PEACE THIS CHRISTMASTIDE!

Love divine watch over
And give you peace
And through the years
May happiness increase.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

CHRISTMAS WISHES!

May your joys be as deep as the ocean,
Your sorrows as light as the spray,
Your purpose as fixed as the granite,
May your cares like the mist melt away.

GADSDEN MARBLE & STONE CO.

C. W. BROWN, Representative, Falkville, Ala.

WISHING YOU, FRIENDS and CUSTOMERS**A HAPPY CHRISTMAS DAY!**

May memories tender and happiness true blend
in the cheer that this Christmas Day brings to
you.

ALBANY HOSIERY MILL**AT THIS SEASON IT IS FITTING**

that we express to our friends appreciation of
their good will. We count ourselves fortunate
in being among those to wish you the blessings
of Christmas and the New Year.

COCA-COLA BOTTLING WORKS**I KNOW OF NO BETTER WAY**

to express today the kindness and brotherly love that
I have for my fellowman than to say I wish you a
very "Joyful Christmas and a Pleasant Year to
Follow."

C. C. DUNVILLE

Louisville Paper Co. Representative.

HEARTFELT WISHES!

To All Customers:—

In the spirit of truest friendship we send to you the heart-
felt wishes of the Christmas season: Here's for a "Glad
Christmas Day and a Blessed New Year."

THOMPSON DRUG STORE**WISHING YOU 365 DAYS OF JOY!**

May this day which celebrates the birthday of the
Christ Child be one of unusual gladness, and may its
spirit linger in your hearts and lives throughout 365
days of 1926.

ROYER SHOP**ABIDING JOYS!**

May you be the recipient of many good things
at this time; and may the joy that they give
abide with you the whole year through.

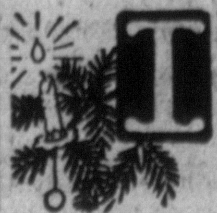
A. H. GARNETT**THE SAME OLD-TIME WISH!**

ONE AND ALL:

This is to express the simple but earnest wish
that you may have another happy Christmas
and a prosperous New Year.

TALLEY FURNITURE CO.**It Was the Night
Before Christmas****Little Snowflakes Glad to
Be of Service on Great-
est of All Days.**

By W. D. PENNYPACKER



IT WAS one of the
finest things im-
aginable. In all
the whitened fields
of late December it
could scarcely be
reckoned with. It
was a snowflake.
Feeling was the
span of its existence. Today, here,
tomorrow possibly drawn into the
moisture of the atmosphere, depending
upon temperature, and where it
chanced to fall.

Some say fairies fashion snow-crys-
tals in wonderful workrooms and lab-
oratories which man has not explored.
It may be. They are more exquisitely
cut than the rarest jewels.

It was the night before Christmas.

There was the usual sense of quiet
which comes over things when the pre-
holiday rush and confusion ends—the
sense of peace—perhaps the echo of
that old song which man has so often
and so ruthlessly heard and forgotten.
It seems that the snowflake knew.

In the land whence snowflakes come there is a great chief. The country,

if one speaks of
it as such, is an
absolute mon-
archy. But it is
different from
those our geog-
raphers name under
Political Divi-
sions. It is a mon-
archy ruled by
love, where a de-
sire to give hap-
piness is the pre-
valent ambi-
tion.

So, on that
night before
Christmas, as the
snowflakes
danced about in
great billowy clouds, some of them
thought of companions already fallen
to earth. Yes, some had fallen, and
their beauty had lasted for a while,
then disappeared.

Then the chief spoke:

"Fellows," he said, with an appeal-
ing note in his voice—a voice that had
much of the plaintive sound of the
north wind, "there is a service to per-
form. This is the night before the
birthday of our King. Millions will
worship Him when the morrow comes,
but more, ignorant of His source, will
seek to revel in the gladness which
His coming brought and many mil-
lions more—" he went on.

"The nations of the world wait for
that gladness. Once a year they seek
to know the spirit and the significance
of the Christmas time. They see vaguely
what the carolling of angels and the
song of shepherds was all about—and
then forget. "Perhaps," he said, "in
the chaotic strivings of man's life he
is not so much to blame."

Silence profound. A stillness like
unto the silence of the plains before
the angels uttered their refrain of
"Peace, on earth, good will toward
men."

"Comrades," said the chief.

"Aye!" answered the crowd in a
note that had the shrill keenness of the
winter wind and yet was warm with
an eagerness to serve.

"Down, just below us, there are boys
and girls dreaming of Santa Claus,
and snow, and sleighs, and sleds. To
some, your going would give life and
zest and happiness to Christmas. You
may stay here, or go to give them joy.

Think soberly before you make reply."

So hearty and so quick was the re-
sponse that the results were almost
blizzard like. Twisting and turning in
fantastic ways they fell to earth, filled
high the paths, and all but capped the
fences, and almost blocked the roads.

When morning broke, a truly Christ-
mas day, the world lay white as un-
touched marble. Such myriad flakes
had fallen in the night that the ablest
statistician could not guess how many,
and, oh, what joy! Snowballs, snow
men and sledding. And coasting, too,
on yonder hill. Such healthy winter
exercise, such ruddy cheeks, such
mighty appetites!

Who would have thought so much of good a little snow had wrought?

An aggregation of tiny snowflakes
was putting value into the sleds which
Santa Claus
brought and mak-
ing of the day a
real Christmas.
In themselves, the
little flakes
scarcely counted
at all, but in
their united de-
sire to give hap-
piness to unnum-
bered boys and
girls, they be-
came a great
power.

The chief had
wireless commu-
nication with each
of his humble sub-
jects, of course.

When night fell he was eager to
ascertain the feelings of his white
crusaders, some of them crushed,
beaten down and muddled, as a result
of their service. Some would have
thought it a hard day for them.

Nobody really thought of the white
ground covering as an aggregate of
individuals. They recognized no per-
sonality, and thought it merely "snow."
Yet in spite of the fact that millions
of snow crystals were maimed and
soiled and melted, as a result of their
Christmas D. mission, the chief re-

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JOYFUL CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES!

With a heart of truest friendship we send this Christ-
mas greeting. May joyful hours be thine not only
during this brief season of festivity but may the New
Year usher in for you unlimited blessings of health,
wealth and happiness.

E. C. PAYNE LUMBER CO.**HOLIDAY HAPPINESS!**

ALL FRIENDS:—

Thanks for your past good will and patronage, and remem-
ber we will be just as glad to serve you in the future, and
hope to merit your further confidence and support.
In keeping with the age-old custom, we extend to you our
best wishes for your holiday happiness.

TILLERY DRUG CO.**CHRISTMAS PLEASURES**

We wish you all Christmas pleasures and that a happy heart
and a full purse may be yours always. Don't forget us after
the jollification is over and we are all once more down to
business and brass tacks again.

Yours for service,

E. M. LEE & SONS**CHEER AND GLADNESS!**

Since a personal call and expression of holiday good cheer is not
possible, we hope by this means to at least remind you of our
good wishes for you and yours. May the day not soon be forgot-
ten, but may the beams of its brightness be a beacon on your
pathway each day of the incoming year.

SOUTHERN COTTON OIL CO.**MANY HAPPY RETURNS!**

FRIENDS, ONE AND ALL:—

"It's the little things of life that count."

So we are wishing you on this little card the merriest Christmas
that you have ever had; and may the New Year be one of count-
less blessings from dawn to close.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**YULETIDE JOY!**

May joy, good-will and peace prevail in your
hearts and homes this season of Yuletide.
May happiness and success be increased in the
year 1926.

J. L. DRAPER**JUST THE SAME OLD GREETING!**

DEAR READERS:—

We would like to say something at this time commensurate with our good
feeling toward you and our good wishes for you; but not being gifted with
the silver tongue of an orator, or the musical tongue of a poet, we know of
nothing more expressive than the time-worn greeting in the old-time way:
"MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR"

CITY PARK FLOWER SHOP**JOY, HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY**

TO OUR FRIENDS:—

It affords us much pleasure to extend to you a hearty wish for a Merry
Christmas.
It is our sincerest hope that this shall be to you a day full of joy, a season
full of the richest of blessings and a New Year which shall usher in
twelve months of health, happiness and prosperity.

ALABAMA WATER CO.

CHRISTMAS IN FULL CAPACITY BE THINE!

May Christmas joys be yours to full capacity;
and may their wholesome spirit brighten the
labors of life during the entire New Year.

RAHM CLOTHING CO.

TO OUR FRIENDS:

The gateway of time is swinging open to another New Year, a year which we hope will be one of health, happiness and prosperity for you and for those whose happiness is in your keeping. Standing on the threshold of this, perhaps the greatest year from the standpoint of world progress and prosperity that will ever be known, it is a pleasure to feel that we have your friendship and your patronage. Will you please accept our thanks as a symbol of our good will and of our desire to serve you through the coming year.

Very truly yours,

J. W. EZELL & SON

FRIENDS!

A Merry Christmas

--and--

A Happy New Year!

ALBANY GRAIN & COAL CO.

BRIGHTEST CHRISTMAS!

MAY YOUR HOME BE FULL OF
—SUNSHINE—
AND YOUR HEART SO VERY
—GLAD—
YOU'LL SAY THIS WAS THE
BRIGHTEST CHRISTMAS
THAT YOU EVER HAD.

PALACE CAFE

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We know of no better way than this medium of
wishing all friends

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS

—and—

And since we have wished it on you, we know you
are going to have it.

WOCO-PEP CO.

THE MERRIEST DECEMBER 25 YET!

This is just to wish each and every reader the
merriest twenty-fifth of December that ever
came into your life; and may its joy be with
you each day of the New Year.

HAYNES STORAGE GARAGE

GREETINGS of CHRISTMAS CHEER!

We are glad of this opportunity of thanking our
friends for their favors and support; and to assure
all others of our desire for a better acquaintance.
We will be glad to serve you at any time in the most
cheerful way.

MILTON ANDREWS,
Ticket Agent, L. and N.

GOOD CHEER!

To wish you a Christmas
All sunshine and cheer,
Good fortune beside you
And happiness near.

THOMAS E. PRIDE

ceived many replies:

"We have given a child happiness,
and would rather do that than stay
in the clouds forever," said one:
"Enabled a boy to play with his old
sled," said another, "and would not
come back if we could."

"Has been a great Christmas. We
have given much but have received
full measure in return."

These and similar bulletins were
posted in the court of the clouds, and
every snowflake held in reserve felt
a sense of regret that it had not been
a participant in providing so much of
the joy and jollity of Christmas. Only
a snowflake!

Yes. But it rendered service.
And this was the snowflake that
was glad.

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Merry Christmas, and Paid in Full

How Silas Vaughan Contrib-
uted to Yuletide Cheer
of the Needy.

By FRANK HERBERT SWEET



IT WAS an eloquent
plea for the public
building, an urge
for its beauty, its
value to the town,
the educational
gift to the eyes of
youth. The speak-
er was hypnotic.

He had been engaged for that.

Purse strings were loosened. Money
poured freely—twenty, fifty, a hundred,
five hundred. And it was Christmas.

They went to Silas Vaughan, the
grocer leader, a wealthy man of the
town. People looked surreptitiously to
see what munificent sum he would
give.

At first a hand went into his pocket
like the others, then came out and



the arms were folded. There was an
audible gasp from watchful eyes.

More pleas came, more solicitors
went round, man to man.

But Silas sat there, arms folded,
rigid, unmoved.

"Times are too hard," he was heard
to say in answer to an importunate
beggar. "It is a bad year for such a
building."

"Not bad for me, and all those who
yield to noble impulses," said a neigh-
bor in a voice that all could hear.

The next day was Christmas, with
the grocery and drug stores open for
a few hours. Silas Vaughan went to
his desk and took out twice as many
bills as ever had been allowed to ac-
cumulate before. Times were hard,
and more were obliged to charge.

Fully half of the accounts were se-
lected from the others, and several
words written at the bottoms. That
took nearly an hour. Then he slipped
the bills into his pocket, put on his
hat and coat, and went out, leaving
the store to the clerks.

It was nearly closing time when he
came back. This he occupied with
packing and arranging a number of
baskets with fruit and nuts and candy,
which he sent out anonymously.

In the evening came a big church
community Christmas tree.

Most of the donors of the public
building were there, rather proud of
themselves and not above circulating
bits of criticism. When Silas entered,
there was no uncertain air of chilli-
ness in the room. A few nodded to
him, but frigidly.

Silas appeared to take no notice, and
found a seat near the front, where ap-
parently he sat calm and unruffled.

A poorly-dressed man down in front
had been looking about expectantly, as
though waiting for some one to speak.
Suddenly he rose.

"I ain't no speaker," he called,
loudly, "but I got suthin' to say.
'Bout the new buildin', I ain't nothin'
to say, only seems too much money
for real need. An' I never liked horn-
blowin'. Now, it's been an awful hard
time for workin' folks, on 'count o'
there bein' so much slack. First time
I couldn't pay up in twenty years. I
couldn't see no Christmas for me.
Now, listen: This mornin' a feller
carried papers all round. I got one.
First, I felt 't was a sheriff thing, like.



Then I read on the bottom, 'I hope
this will be the beginning of better
things. Merry Christmas. Paid in
full. Silas Vaughan.' Mine was thirty
dollars. Si must 'a' given away
more'n a thousand."

He sat down. Silas had lost all his
composure. He tried to slip away.
But hands and apologies were appear-
ing from all sides. He was pushed to
the platform and told to make a
speech. He would have made a mess
of it, but all were cheering so wildly
no one could hear. So it did not mat-
ter.

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A \$40,000 issue of sewer bonds
have been approved by officials of
the city of Anniston. Ward, Sterne
and company, Birmingham purchas-
ed the bonds at par and accrued in-
terest.

LINGERING CHEER!

FRIENDS:—May Christmas cheer be abundant in your heart and home
this festive season and linger to brighten life's pathway through 1926.
We thank you for your patronage and co-operation and trust that we may
not only be able to keep our old friends but to make new ones as we go.

CAIN, WOLCOTT & RANKIN

SUNNY DAYS and HAPPY HOURS!

All that is best, I wish for you, dear friends, at this
Christmas-time; and may sunny days, without the
single shadow of a sorrow, be yours to enjoy through-
out the approaching year.

LESTER SHEFFIELD

LIFE'S RICHEST BLESSINGS!

This simple card is meant to convey to you my kind-
est thoughts at this Christmas season. I hope that
you may be the recipients of life's fairest gifts and
that happiness may bless your days.

M. S. BINGHAM

SUCCESS and HAPPINESS EVER!

Material things of life do not satisfy without the ac-
companying gifts of true friends and happy ties of
home. May your labors be crowned with the former
and your heart blessed with the latter. The holiday
wish of your friends.

PENNEY & WHITMAN

SUCCESS and CHEER EVER!

We hope that the cherished desires of your heart
may come true this Christmas Day; that to them may
be added an abundance of health, wealth and success
in every earnest endeavor during the twelve months
of the coming year.

HOME OIL MILL

ABUNDANT HAPPINESS AT THIS TIME!

If we could play Santa Claus and fill your stockings this Christ-
mas Eve, we would, in addition to the material things, put in an
abundance of happiness for this most happy of all occasions
and a sufficient supply of health, wealth and joy for each day
of the New Year.

If wishing helps, please accept the heartiest ones we can give.

DECATUR MILL & ELEVATOR CO.

THE HEARTIEST OF WISHES!

In the sincerity of our hearts we wish for all
who may chance to read this little card

"THE MERRIEST of CHRISTMAS SEASONS

—and—

THE MOST PROSPEROUS of NEW YEARS."

DIXIE MARKET — DECATUR MARKET

J. R. DOSS, Mgr.

PLEASANT CHRISTMAS MEMORIES!

May the thrills of this Christmas be sweet and
new and its memories pleasant to recall in
after years.

May 1926 be for you a signal year of success.

J. F. LOVIN

UNLIMITED HAPPINESS and PROSPERITY!

Since human power is so limited and we cannot by our own strength make the desires and wishes of our hearts come true, yet we can lift up and look to the Giver of all blessings and peace and thank Him for the innumerable gift of His love.

ABEL BROS. PLUMBING & HEATING CO.

GOOD WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS!

What better and quicker way to send our good wishes at this time than through the medium of the press? Believe us that they are just as sincere as if we were able to send them individually.

ALABAMA BRICK & TILE CO.

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS DAY!

Day in and day out
May your Christmas Day appear
A day of rejoicing
And gladness and cheer.
We hope you will be truly glad
From morning until night,
And that a happy Christmas Day
Will give you deep delight.

J. H. CALVIN CO.

GLAD CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We know no better than to repeat the same old time-worn wishes:

**MERRY CHRISTMAS and
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

These are the sincere wishes of

W. M. BAILEY

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO ALL FRIENDS, OLD AND NEW!

Among the new acquaintances you make where'er you go, no truer friends I'm sure you'll find than your friends of long ago.

**DON'T FORGET US AFTER
THE CHRISTMAS RUSH.**

GUARANTEE SHOE SHOP

W. A. MITCHELL

**BEST WISHES
FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS!**

A Christmas a year—
That's not such a lot,
So let's all be happy
With grievances forgot.

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS."

ROUNTREE LUMBER CO.

TO OUR ESTEEMED FRIENDS!

May this Christmas above all gone by be blessed with every joy and may the New Year be for you the renewal of friendships and unlimited prosperity.

AMERICAN CLEANERS & DYERS

WITH CHRISTMAS GOOD CHEER!

A Christmas glad and bright,
We wish for you, dear friend,
And all things good and right,
Through the New Year attend.

CARRELL FURNITURE CO.

**Christmas Lesson
for Miss Belinda**

**Promise to Teach Maid to
Read and Write, Most
Welcome Gift.**

By EMILY BURKS ADAMS



CHRISTMAS was in evidence everywhere. The whole household were happy, save perhaps one—Belinda, the German maid, who had for six months lived with the Thoburns, a well-to-do family.

"Sure, Mrs. Thoburn, I've done all I thought is right to do already, and I'm pleased dot you like it."

"Yes, Belinda, and the house never looked prettier. You're quite an artist as well as a cook. I'm glad you gave up going to visit your sister, for the good dinner tomorrow depends upon you. We shall try to make it up to you, Belinda, in some way."

"Oh, do you risk so, Mrs. Thoburn? I am sure pleased to know dot I am of service to you, and you are so good to me already," said Belinda, with a sigh, as she retired to her room.

The Thoburns, old and young, were radio enthusiasts, and were being entertained with Christmas greetings and carols.

"Mother, did you notice that Belinda seemed sad—something unusual for her? I wonder if we have gotten her enough for Christmas?—let's see—there's her beads, handkerchief, hose. She will feel all right tomorrow. She really doesn't mind missing the visit with her sister, does she? She'd rather be doing all this for us, for serving others is what makes one happy, isn't it, mother?"

"Oh, yes, I suppose so, if the service isn't too hard."

"Mother, what do you mean by service being too hard? I think we should enjoy doing things for others. I can never forget the quotation: 'To live in the hearts of others is not to die.' I think we should enjoy doing things for others and not think it hard. What—"

"Well," interrupted Mrs. Thoburn, "you seem to think service hard, as you wouldn't write those letters for Belinda last evening, and one was a Christmas letter to her sister. That, probably was the cause of her sigh."

Amy was listening in and heard over the radio: "Let every true American, as a gift to himself, give the promise that he will teach one foreigner how to read and write, and in so doing, help drive illiteracy from our land. A wonderful gift to your self and to the one taught—As ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto Me." Merry Christmas to all."

Amy looked at the others, her face beaming. "Oh, mother, our slogan for Educational week was: 'Each one teach one; ballots, not bullets.'"

"A fine slogan, Amy, if put into practice," remarked Mrs. Thoburn.

Christmas morning all gathered around the tree to open their packages. Belinda stood in the background, beaming at the happiness of the others, for next to our own happiness is watching that of others. Box after box was handed to Belinda, but the most beautiful of all was saved until the last and presented by Amy. "Here, Belinda, a lot of love with this box; it contains paper, pencils, and a book and my promise to you that I'll teach you to read and write before another Christmas."

"Oh, thank you, Miss Amy; dis is vot I most wanted already. Gott bless you!"

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CHRISTMAS ZEST

CHRISTMAS zest warms the heart and makes the heart glow. Do not let any outside cynicism rob you of this glow.

Do not curl your lip and say you know the elevator man or the grocer's boy or the many others to whom you give a little Christmas joy is just looking for the present and is being polite for that reason.

Enjoy their pleasure in receiving. Enjoy yourself, in giving. And doesn't every one enjoy presents? When you say:

"He's looking for a Christmas present," you lose half your own joy.

When you say:

"What an opportunity to add a little present to another person's Christmas," you have your own full measure of joy.

Christmas zest must not be bereft of any of its spirit.—Mary Graham Bonner.

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**TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS
A MERRY XMAS**

Christmas, the season for the renewal of old friendships, for the forgetting of differences, for the expression of good will and kindness is here. May your Christmas be filled with joy and happiness, unmarred by sorrow, and may you carry with you through the coming year the spirit of the Yuletide. Our wish is that this may be for you and yours a Christmas day long to be remembered for its happiness and cheer.

DILLMORE BROS.

**THE HERITAGE OF JOY
AND PEACE!**

FRIENDS:—

May Life and Fortune to you be kind this Christmas-tide; may joy and peace be thy inheritance of 1926.

WILEY'S ELECTRIC STATION

CHRISTMAS JOYS GALORE!

TO ALL FRIENDS,
OLD, NEW AND PROSPECTIVE:
—We Wish You—

**"A HAPPY OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS
IN A GOOD OLD-FASHIONED WAY."**

DILLEHAY BROS.

**BEST CHRISTMAS AND NEW
YEAR WISHES!**

The kind of Christmas
We're wishing for you
Is that you'll be happy
The whole year through.

H. & H. MACHINE WORKS

THANKS TO OUR PATRONS

May happy days and hours and all good things be yours this season of Christmas-tide.

In brief, this card is just to wish you

A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

McGEHEE FURNITURE CO.

THE SEASON'S CHIEFEST JOYS.

We pause in the mad rush of the modern business world just to remind our friends, old and new, of our kindly feeling toward them, not only now but at all times.

CITY NATIONAL BANK

A THREE-FOLD BLESSING!

TO ONE AND ALL:—

"A Merry Christmas, a Joyful Holiday season, and a New Year filled with twelve months of health, happiness and prosperity."

MALONE COAL & GRAIN CO.

CORDIAL GREETINGS!

Again we send to you our good wishes. Thanks for your patronage and ever believe that we will be zealous for the furtherance of cordial relations in the future.

PREUIT & DILLEHAY

SINCEREST of GREETINGS!

Just to wish you with all my might the happiest of all Christmases; and that the New Year may bring you health, wealth and joys untold each without wings.

S. H. MALONE

SINCERE THANKS!

TO OUR CUSTOMERS and FRIENDS:

Through this means we offer our sincerest thanks for past business and we want to extend to you our greetings of the season.

'Tis the good old message

You've heard it oft before.

A Merry Christmas, bright New Year

And hope for many more.

NEW YORK HATTERS

SINCEREST WISHES

We know of no better way to extend the season's good fellowship to our many friends and customers than through this public card.

If we possessed a Magic Wand or Aladdin's Lamp we would see that your stockings were brimful of good cheer, successful business and unlimited happiness; but not possessing this power, we can only wish for you these things—but if that will help, we send you the sincerest wishes of our hearts.

MOYE'S BARBER SHOP

WISHING YOU ALL THAT IS BEST!

This is just a word of thanks to our customers and friends for their much appreciated business of the past, and to assure you of our receptive mood for business in the future; and also to extend to you our heartiest Christmas greetings.

TWIN CITY TRANSFER CO.

A HARVEST OF HAPPINESS!

FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS:—

We have tried to serve you honestly and efficiently and we have greatly appreciated your patronage. We trust that the same mutual understanding and co-operation may prevail during 1926.

At all times we are interested in our fellowmen, but since the feeling of good will and cheer is so prevalent just at this time, we want to especially express to you our sincere good wishes for your enjoyment of the holiday festivities; and your abundant harvest of blessings during the New Year.

MORGAN COUNTY NATIONAL BANK

WITH KINDLY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

DEAR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS:

Accept a wish in simple rhyme,
For every joy this Christmas time,
And let our Greetings kindly say,
You're not forgotten here today.

WILDER'S

Men's Wear

MAY CHRISTMAS ECHOES LINGER!

Love, joy and peace abide with you this Yuletide and their echoes linger near to you to comfort and cheer at all times.

The heartiest good wish of your friends.

DECATUR COAL & MFG. CO.

COUNTLESS JOYS!

FRIENDS:—

We hope that your joys at this time be too numerous to count, but that they will not cease to come during the whole of the year 1926.

A. Z. BAILEY GROCERY CO.

Upon Christmas Day

By WILLIAM LOFF, in The Christian

A STAR peeped forth upon Christmas Eve,
And told of that other Star:
Whose beams shine bright, through
the world's dark night,
And scatter the shadows far.

A snowdrop bloomed upon Christmas Day,
And told of that spotless flower:
Whose perfume pure, should all frosts
endure,
And brighten Earth's wintry hour.

The bells rang out upon Christmas Day,
And their message came a call
To worship the Son of the Highest One,
Who came with good will to all.

The holly berries on Christmas Day,
Blushed red in their fadeless green:
For their coral red, shewed the blood-
drops shed,
As they shone the barbed leaves
between.

A feast was spread upon Christmas Day,
And mirrored the feast He spread,
Who was born that He might our
Banquet be,
The True and the Living Bread.

A son came home upon Christmas Day,
A son from a far off land:
And he told once more, of God's open
door,
The kiss and the welcoming Hand.

A babe was born upon Christmas Day,
And the speechless infant told,
Of the manger Child, that in beauty
smiled,
On that first glad day of old.

Christmas Giving and Being Happy

How Yuletide Problem Was
Solved in Most Satisfactory
Manner.

By KATHERINE EDELMAN



JOHN WARNER and his wife sat talking in the living room of their little bungalow until the clock on the mantel struck the midnight hour.

"Good gracious John!" Ellen said, "I had no idea that it was so late."

"That's because you were so interested, dear," John answered, "when it comes to making plans for Betty you forget time and everything else."

Ellen reddened ever so slightly. She knew that what John said was true, for ever since Betty had come to them, now nearly six years ago, her whole life had been wrapped up in the child. Hers was such a passion of mother-love that sometimes she grew almost frightened at its intensity, and often when John had laughingly teased her about forgetting him for Betty her conscience smote her.

And now she had talked John into letting her buy the big doll that had been in Harwell's window since the holiday season opened. John had tried to tell her that the small gifts they had already purchased would be enough for Betty, but finally he had given in to her pleading. She agreed with him that twenty dollars was a big sum to spend for a doll, but Betty was Betty and deserved it.

For the Warners were poor—not poor in the utter, abject poverty that flaunts its face to the world unshamed—but poor in the poverty that means worn and threadbare carpets, clothing grown thin and shiny from long usage, and a careful pausing before the spending of an unnecessary penny. Somehow, since Betty came they had never been able to get ahead; there was always something needed for Betty and she had always gotten it.

Next morning Ellen left the house early, with the wonderful twenty dollars in her purse. Betty had been left next door, all unconscious of the errand her mother was on. Half way to town two women entered the car and sat back of Ellen. They were of the loud, overbearing type of women, overdressed and contemptuous of those who possessed little of material things. Scraps of their conversation came to Ellen at times through the maze of her busy thoughts.

"I think it's perfectly awful, I do," one of them was saying, "the way some women do. It's really sinful in these days to be dowdy. A woman's got to wear good clothes to be anybody, and believe me, it's the dowdy women who walk alone."

"You've just said it," her companion answered. "As I tell George when he kicks about the bills, a woman has got to dress nowadays or get nothing out of life."

The words sank into Ellen's brain as her eyes were scanning an advertisement at a crossing: "Be fair to yourself, buy your millinery at Madam Courteau's." And as other words of that ilk floated back from the women they began to stir up a queer feeling inside of Ellen Warner.

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Plans for the new vocational school building at Pine Hill are being considered by Wilcox county school officials. The vocational school was recently destroyed by fire.

GOLDEN HOURS OF BLISS!

May this holiday season be one of unusual satisfaction, with not a shadow to cross its golden hours; and may your cup be filled to overflowing with rich gifts of love, friendship and merited success in 1926.

JAMES A. NELSON

AN IDEAL CHRISTMAS!

That joy, peace, and success will be your boon companions during the incoming year, is our wish. We want to thank you for all your past business and assure you of our appreciation of all future opportunities to serve you.

SOUTHERN SHEET METAL WORKS

ONE AND ALL—GREETINGS!

I have too many subscribers

To pay a Christmas call,

But as it is I send my

Message with greetings for you all.

J. M. HATFIELD

Circulation Mgr.

WITH ALL GOOD WISHES!

FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS:—

We want you to know that your friendship and patronage has been greatly appreciated, and may we merit in a greater degree in the future a continuation of the same.

We are here to serve you and satisfy you. Let us prove it. Call on us for your needs in our line. We promise courteous and cheerful treatment.

NEBRIG FURNITURE CO.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Since we may not perhaps have the pleasure of expressing personally and individually our greetings of the season to each and every one of our friends, we desire through this medium to wish you all not only a happy Christmas season but a long life, few cares and good luck in all you do.

DECATUR BRICK CO.

NEW JOYS BE YOURS!

Please believe, dear friends, that we are sending on this little card our most earnest wish that your wishes at this time may come true; and that the New Year holds in store for you sweeter and brighter gifts than have ever been yours before.

R. L. PARSONS LUMBER & MFG. CO.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!

We have no special knack
Of making others glad,
But we hope that Christmas makes this day
The best you ever had.

KOSS CONSTRUCTION CO.

A CHRISTMAS GREETING!

This greeting brings hearty good wishes to brighten this Christmas and future ones too.

ALBANY TEXTILE MILL

Heavenly Blessings.. Yours!

May the satisfaction of every good wish be thine at this time; and the countless blessings of the Heavenly Father's yours to enjoy during the whole of the Year.

The heart-felt wish of your friend,

A. D. COHEN

Hearty Greetings

When Santa Claus gay comes to leave his gifts at your door, we send by him best wishes for a day of cheer; a season of joy; a New Year of richest blessings; a life of peace and usefulness.

**SCHIMMEL & HUNTER
FURNITURE CO.**

Timely Greetings!

By this means we wish to broadcast our message of good cheer and timely wishes to our many friends and patrons. May this Christmas be satisfactorily happy and many more to follow.

**PRINCESS—DELITE AND STAR
THEATRES**

Crescent Amusement Co.

Christmas Cheer and New Year Prosperity!

Since it is not possible

to greet all our friends face

to face, we hope by this means

to send you a blanket of

good cheer and prosperity.

SPEAKE & ECHOLS

Cherished Recollections!

By this means we want to thank our patrons for their business co-operation and to convey to you our kindest regards of the holidays.

**Quality-Model Laundry
and Dry Cleaners**

Fond Memories Thine!

Since Santa is a friend to men

We send by him this Christmas-time,

Kind thoughts and happy hours of cheer,

And peace and joy for all the year.

Decatur Ice & Coal Co.

Her glance traveled to her dress, her shabby, mended gloves, and her face began to burn as she thought of the little hat she was wearing. She tried to shake off the feeling that was upon her and to get her mind back on her mission, but somehow everything seemed different now in the light of the strange unrest that was filling her heart. "Was she a little fool, as these women had said. Was she fair to herself? Had she, in the little mean things that were her everyday portion and which until now had seemed to her veritable things of delight, cheated herself out of all that meant so much to other women? Had she really been fair to herself in sacrificing so much for her child?"

The car pulled up with a jerk. She alighted quickly and made her way toward Harwell's. Suddenly she stopped short. A sign overhead caught her eye: "Be fair to yourself—buy your millinery at Madam Courteau's." Then her gaze traveled to the window with its array of tempting millinery. And as she gazed her breath began to come quickly, her hands to open and close with nervous, twitching movements. For a little hat in a dull shade of blue caught her eye. She was gazing at it fascinated, for as the sun outshines the stars, so to Ellen did this particular hat eclipse all the others in the window. Somehow, it seemed to her at that moment as if she had been wanting a hat like that all her life. The little pink rosebuds that nestled around the crown seemed to call and beckon to her, and almost before she realized what she was doing she was inside the store and asking to see the hat. The saleslady, with all the art that was hers, placed it with a skillful touch on Ellen's head. And as Ellen looked in the great mirror she saw a face that was flushed to a rose-pink with excitement, and above it the much-wanted hat, which seemed to be a very part of herself, so thoroughly becoming it was. She wanted the hat so bad! The soft, lovely colors brought out all the charm of her fair loveliness and she thought

how much John would like to see her as she looked now. The thought of her husband brought another thought to her, too. Perhaps all these years, while they had been sacrificing and skimping, he, too, had wished for and wanted many things. Surely he must have! Not, perhaps, things like women cared for, but other little luxuries that

many of her friends had. She remembered now how longingly he had often looked toward the golf links—what a big thing it would be if Christmas would bring him the things necessary to play the game. The city maintained a free course not far from their home. And if she wanted so badly to spend twenty dollars for a hat, surely John, who was seeing and hearing things every day, must often have wanted something pretty badly, too. She thought now how wonderful he had always been—never a word of complaint, but always cheery and happy. She realized now, with a bitter feeling at her heart, that she had not been fair to him—she had given their child more than her share of the little they had. But from now on things were going to be different—John must have the best. Betty had many years ahead to enjoy things; and besides she realized now it did not take expensive gifts to please children.

With hands that trembled Ellen reached up and took the hat from her head and, not daring to look at it again, hurriedly left the store.

That Christmas was a very happy one for the Warners. For, although Betty did not get the big doll, she seemed just as pleased and happy as a child could well be. And Ellen felt a new glow at her heart when she presented John with his Christmas gift, for he was as jubilant as a boy about it. Her sacrifice had been indeed worth while—what did a becoming hat matter when put beside the happiness she felt just now?

But the good Christmas fairy must have been watching all, for an hour later John's boss called up to wish him a merry Christmas and to tell him that Old Man Jinson was going to resign and that John would have his place. A wonderful Christmas surprise it was, for it meant an extra five hundred a year to the Warners. Which made it probable that Ellen got her much-wanted hat, after all.

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THE MISTLETOE

"NO MISTLETOE is needed if the heart is in the right place," people say. But neither is there any real need for a Christmas tree, a special Christmas dinner, a worn-out feeling from doing too much around the Christmas season. There is no actual need of all this. Yet if it were not for all these there would be less happiness and more and more happiness is always needed.

So do not discard the mistletoe. There may be love without it, but it lends a romance, a charm of its own that no heart can dispense with.—Mary Graham Bonner.

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A monument over the grave of Captain William Butler, noted Indian fighter, has been unveiled in pioneer cemetery at Greenville. The monument was erected by the United Daughters of Confederacy of the town.